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Contributions to the Halictid Fauna of the Eastern Palaearctic Region: Genus *Seladonia* Robertson (Hymenoptera: Halictidae, Halictinae)

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Abstract. This paper presents the results of a taxonomic study of the bees of the genus *Seladonia* from the Eastern Palaearctic Region. Two new species, *S. leleji* sp. n. and *S. nikolskayae* sp. n. from the Primorskii Territory of Russia, are described. A new synonymy is established: *S. tumulorum ferripennis* (Cockerell, 1929) = *S. tumulorum higashi* (Sakagami et Ebmer, 1979), syn. n. The taxonomic rank of *S. gobiensis* (Ebmer, 1982), originally described as a subspecies of *S. pseudovestita* (Blüthgen, 1925), is raised to specific status. The lectotypes of *Halictus semitectus* Morawitz, 1874; *H. mongolicus* Morawitz, 1880; *H. confluens* Morawitz, 1890 [= *S. aeraria* (Smith, 1873)] and *H. pjalmensis gaschunicus* Blüthgen, 1935 are designated. Seven species, *S. aeraria* (Smith), *S. argilos* (Ebmer), *S. gobiensis* (Ebmer), *S. indefinita* (Blüthgen), *S. petraea* (Blüthgen), *S. pjalmensis* (Strand) and *S. placidula* (Blüthgen), are recorded from Mongolia for the first time. A total of 24 species of the genus *Seladonia* were found in the Eastern Palaearctic Region. A key to all species is given, except for the female of *S. opacoviridis* (Ebmer, 2005). An annotated list of the species includes data for each species on its synonymy, general geographical distribution, published records from the Eastern Palaearctic Region, and the material examined.

Key words: Halictidae, Seladonia, Eastern Palaearctic Region, taxonomy, key, distribution.

Introduction

This paper is the fourth of a series treating the Eastern Palaearctic Halictidae. As defined in the first paper of the series (Pesenko, 2005), the Eastern Palaearctic Region is considered the part of Asia located eastwards from about 90° E and northwards from about 35° N (in China; 32° N in Japan). This territory includes Eastern Siberia (Siberia east of the Yenisei River, from Tuva in the south), the Russian Far East (including Sakhalin Island and the Kuril Islands), Mongolia, the north (northern half of Qinghai, Gansu and Shaanxi, Neimenggu, Ningxia, Shanxi) and northeast (Hebei, Shandong, Liaoning, Jilin and Heilongjiang) of China, the Korean Peninsula, and Japan with the exclusion of the Ryukyu (Nansei) Islands.

Genus Seladonia Robertson, 1918

The genus Seladonia in the volume as defined by

Pesenko (2000, 2004), which includes *Vestitohalictus* Blüthgen, 1961, is almost a cosmopolitan group of bees in relation to distribution (absent in Australia). It includes 102 currently recognized species, three-fourths of which (72 species) are Palaearctic; only 8 species inhabit America, including the Holarctic *S. confusa* (Smith, 1853), while 14 species are known from the Afrotropical Region and 9 species occur in the Oriental Region. The majority of species are Mediterranean and Central Asian, preferring deserts and semi-deserts.

All of the 14 behaviorally known species of the genus are primitively eusocial. All species are polyleges, usually with a certain preference for Asteraceae, and construct nests in soil. Most prefer warm dry areas for nesting, and avoid overgrown places. Females construct nests with sessile cells often arranged into groups.

This genus is a sister group with respect to the Holarctic genus *Halictus* Latreille (Pesenko, 2004), and differs from the latter in the metallic green or blue-green coloration in both sexes and the presence of a medial

lobe of the upper gonostylus of the male. The genus was subdivided by the author into 6 subgenera (Pesenko, 2004).

Subgenus *Mucoreohalictus* Pesenko, 2004: 102. Type species: *Hylaeus mucoreus* Eversmann, 1852. The subgenus corresponds to the *Halictus (Vestitohalictus) mucoreus* and *H. (V.) radoszkowskii* species-groups of Blüthgen (1955, 1961) and Ebmer (1975) combined. It is distributed in the Southern Palaearctic Region, includes 15 species.

Subgenus *Pachyceble* Moure, 1940: 54. Type species: *Pachyceble lanei* Moure, 1940, by original designation. The subgenus corresponds to the *Halictus (Seladonia) tumulorum* and *H. (S.) leucaheneus* speciesgroups of Ebmer (1988a) combined. It is nearly cosmopolitan in occurrence, absent in Australia; includes 25 species.

Subgenus *Paraseladonia* Pauly, 1997: 92. Type species: *Halictus chalybeatus* Friese, 1909, by original designation. It includes a single cleptoparasitic species, occurring in the Afrotropical Region.

Subgenus *Placidohalictus* Pesenko, 2004: 102. Type species: *Halictus placidus* Blüthgen, 1923, by original designation. The subgenus partly corresponds to the *Halictus (Seladonia) varentzowi* species-group of Ebmer (1988a). It includes also *S. desertorum*, which was not included by the last author in any group of *Seladonia, S. bulbiceps* and *S. fuscicollis*, which were considered by Michener (1978) as members of *Halictus* subg. *Vestitohalictus*. It is distributed in Central Asia, includes 5 species.

Subgenus *Seladonia* Robertson, 1918: 91. Type species: *Apis seladonia* Fabricius, 1794, by original designation. The subgenus corresponds to the *Halictus (Seladonia) seladonius*, *H. (S.) smaragdulus*, and *H. (S.) gemmeus* species-groups of Ebmer (1988a) combined. It is distributed in the Old World, except for Australia, includes 38 species.

Subgenus Vestitohalictus Blüthgen, 1961: 287. Type species: Halictus tectus Radoszkowski, 1876, fixed by Pesenko, 2004: 102 (under Article 70.3 of the Code). The subgenus corresponds to the Halictus (Vestitohalictus) vestitus species-group of Blüthgen (1955, 1961) and Ebmer (1975). It is distributed in the Southern Palaearctic Region, includes 16 species.

Published records

The information (original data) on the occurrence of the species above in the Eastern Palaearctic Region

is contained in the following publications arranged by chronology:

Smith, 1873-S. aeraria from Japan (Honshu);

Morawitz, 1880-"*Halictus varipes*" = *S. lucidipennis* and *S. mongolica* from Mongolia;

Morawitz, 1890-"Halictus confluens" = S. aeraria, S. pulverea, and S. tumulorum from China;

Strand, 1910-"Halictus pseudoconfluens" = S. aeraria from China (Shandong);

Cockerell, 1911-"*Halictus nikkoensis*" = *S. aeraria* from Japan (Honshu);

Friese, 1916-"*Halictus tsushimae*" = *S. aeraria* from Japan (Tsushima);

Blüthgen, 1923a-S. mondaensis from Russia (Buryatia);

Cockerell, 1924-"*Halictus eruditus*" = *S. aeraria* and *S. tumulorum* from Russia (Primorskii Territory);

Blüthgen, 1925-S. pseudovestita from China (Beijing);

Blüthgen, 1929-S. mongolica from China Qinghai);

Cockerell, 1929-"*Halictus ferripennis*" = *S. tumulo-rum* from Russia (Irkutsk Province);

Gussakovskij, 1932-*S. aeraria* and "*Halictus datu-rae*" = *S. tumulorum* from Russia (Primorskii Territory);

Blüthgen, 1933a:-*S. transbaikalensis* from Russia ("Süd-Transbaikalien");

Blüthgen, 1934a:-S. aeraria, S. semitecta, and S. tu-mulorum from China (Gansu); "Halictus fasciatus" = S. leucahenea from Russia (Yakutia), and China (Gansu);

Yasumatsu, 1934-*S. aeraria* from Japan (Yakushima);

Blüthgen, 1935a-*S. pjalmensis* from China (Gansu); Yasumatsu & Narisada, 1935-*S. aeraria* from China izoning):

Yasumatsu, 1937-*S. aeraria* from Japan (Tsushima); Okabe, 1939-*S. aeraria* from China ("Nordmand-schurei);

Blüthgen, 1955-"*Halictus varipes*" = *S. lucidipennis* from China (Gansu);

Sakagami & Fukuda, 1972-*S. tumulorum* from Japan (Hokkaido);

Fukuda et al., 1973-*S. tumulorum* from Japan (Hokkaido);

Sakagami & Fukuda, 1973-S. tumulorum from Japan (Hokkaido);

Usui et al., 1976-S. tumulorum from Japan (Hokkaido);

Ebmer, 1978a-*S. aeraria*, *S. leucahenea*, and *S. pseudovestita* from China (Heilongjiang); *S. tumulorum* from Russia (Primorskii Territory) and China (Heilongjiang);

Ebmer, 1978c-S. aeraria and S. tumulorum from North Korea;

Ikudome, 1978-*S. aeraria* from Japan (Shikoku); Sakagami & Ebmer, 1979-*S. tumulorum* from Japan;

Ikudome, 1981-*S. aeraria* from Japan (Shikoku);

Ebmer, 1982-S. dorni, S. leucahenea, S. mondaensis, S. mongolica, S. pollinosa, S. pulverea, S. semitecta, and S. tumulorum from Mongolia; S. pseudovestita from Mongolia and China; S. transbaikalensis from China;

Ebmer, 1985a-*S. leucahenea* from Russia (Irkutsk Province);

Ebmer, 1988a-S. dorni and S. mondaensis from Mongolia; S. leucahenea from China; S. transbaikalensis from Russia (Irkutsk Province) and Mongolia; S. tumulorum from Russia (Sakhalin), North Korea; China; and Japan;

Hirashima, 1989-*S. aeraria* and *S. tumulorum* from Japan;

Yamada et al., 1990-S. aeraria and S. tumulorum from Japan (Honshu);

Fan, 1991-S. leucahenea from China;

Ikudome, 1992-S. aeraria from Japan (Kyushu);

Ikudome & Nakamura, 1994-*S. aeraria* from Japan (Honshu);

Ikudome & Nakamura, 1995-S. aeraria from Japan (Honshu);

Ebmer, 1996-S. aeraria, S. confusa, and S. tumulorum from Russian Far East; S. gavarnica from Russia (Primorskii Territory) and Mongolia;

Ikudome & Nakamura, 1996-*S. aeraria* from Japan (Honshu);

Ikudome & Nakamura, 1997-*S. aeraria* from Japan (Honshu);

Iwata, 1997-S. aeraria from Japan (Kyushu);

Kim, 1997-S. aeraria and S. tumulorum from South Korea;

Dawut & Tadauchi, 2000-*S. aeraria* from Japan; *S. leucahenea* from Mongolia (Bayan-Hongor);

Dawut & Tadauchi, 2002-S. dorni and S. mongolica from Mongolia (Bayan-Hongor); S. semitecta from Mongolia (Bayan-Hongor and Uvs); S. tumulorum from Japan (Hokkaido);

Proshchalykin, 2003-S. confusa from Russia (Kunashir);

Pesenko & Davydova, 2004-S. confusa and S. leucahenea from Russia (Eastern Siberia and Far East) and Mongolia; S. mondaensis from Russia (Tuva, Yakutia);

Proshchalykin, 2004-S. aeraria, S. confusa, S. leucahenea, and S. tumulorum from south of Russian Far East;

Proshchalykin et al., 2004-S. tumulorum from Russia

(Sakhalin);

Ebmer, 2005-S. dorni, S. leucahenea, S. mugodjarica, S. pulverea, S. semitecta, and S. transbaikalensis from Mongolia; S. confusa from Mongolia and China; S. tumulorum from Mongolia and South Korea; S. argilos and S. opacoviridis from China; S. mongolica from Russia (Buryatia) and Mongolia;

Proshchalykin & Kupianskaya, 2005-S. confusa, S. mondaensis, and S. tumulorum from Russia (Magadan Province).

Material and methods

Most of the material examined (collection totaling more than 3000 specimens) is deposited at ZISP (see below for an explanation of abbreviations). A number of bees were provided for study by IBSV and ZMMU.

Twenty-four species of the genus Seladonia can be considered inhabitants of the Eastern Palaearctic Region: S. aeraria (Smith), S. argilos (Ebmer), S. confusa (Smith), S. dorni (Ebmer), S. gavarnica (Pérez), S. gobiensis (Ebmer), S. indefinita (Blüthgen), S. leleji sp. n., S. leucahenea (Ebmer), S. lucidipennis (Smith), S. mondaensis (Blüthgen), S. mongolica (Morawitz), S. mugodjarica (Blüthgen), S. nikolskayae sp. n., S. opacoviridis (Ebmer), S. petraea (Blüthgen), S. pjalmensis (Strand), S. placidula (Blüthgen), S. pollinosa (Sichel), S. pseudovestita (Blüthgen), S. pulverea (Morawitz), S. semitecta (Morawitz), S. transbaikalensis (Blüthgen) and S. tumulorum (Linnaeus).

The records of alpine *S. confusa alpina* (Alfken), Middle Asian *S. varentzowi* (Morawitz), Western Palaearctic *S. seladonia* (Fabricius), and *S. subaurata* (Rossi) from northern and eastern China, as published by Niu *et al.* (2004), are based on misidentification. The publication of Niu *et al.* (2004) is not take into considered in the present communication.

The following abbreviations are used in the key to species shown below: S, metasomal sternum; T, metasomal tergum; *e.g.* T1 means tergum 1; S4, sternum 4, using metasomal (not abdominal) numeration. The following "formula" is used for a description of punctation: interval of (typical) puncture diameters in μ m and intervals of (typical) interspaces width estimated in the number of average puncture diameters (in parentheses), *e.g.* 28-35 μ m / (2-3).

I failed to include the female of *S. opacoviridis* in the key, recently described by Ebmer (2005) from northern and northeastern China. This species belongs to the *S. leucahenea* group; however, according to the original description, the female of this species is similar to small

members of the S. tumulorum group.

In the annotated list below, species provided within the sections "Published records" and "Material examined" only include data from the Eastern Palaearctic Region. The traditional term "Middle Asia" is used in Russian references as a name for the combined territory occupied by Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrghyzstan. The words "Province" in the names of administration districts in North Korea, "Province", "Autonomous Region" and "Municipality" in the names of administration districts in China, "Aimak" in the names of administration districts in Mongolia, "Island" for Sakhalin, Kurils (Iturup, Kunashir, Urup, etc.) and Japanese Islands, are omitted.

The following abbreviations are used in the text to represent museums, institutions and private collections acting as depositaries for types and other material examined:

BML-British Museum of Natural History, London, Great Britain (curator G.R. Else);

DEI-Deutsches entomologisches Institut, Eberswalde (at present in Müncheberg), Germany (curator H.H. Dathe):

EBM-private collection of Andreas W. Ebmer, Linz, Austria:

ECC-Entomological Collection of Ministry of Agriculture, Cairo, Egypt;

FAHUS-Faculty of Agriculture, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan;

IBSV-Institute of Biology and Soil Sciences, Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladivostok, Russia (curator A.S. Lelej);

IZK-Institute of Systematic and Experimental Zoology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Krakow, Poland (curator W. Celary);

MCG-Museo Civico di Storia Naturale "Giacomo Doria", Genova, Italy (curator R. Poggi);

MNB-Museum für Naturkunde an der Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany (curator F. Koch);

MNP-Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France (curator J. Casevitz-Weulersse);

NMW-Naturhistorisches Museum, Wien, Austria (curator M. Fischer);

OLML-Oberösterreiches Landesmuseum, Linz, Austria (curator F. Gusenleitner);

SCH-Private collection of Maximilian Schwarz; Ansfelden by Linz, Austria;

USMW-U. S. National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, USA (curator R.J. McGinley);

ZISP-Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sci-

ences, St. Petersburg (curator Yu.A. Pesenko);

ZMMU-Zoological Museum, Moscow University, Moscow, Russia (curator A.V. Antropov);

ZSUH-Zoologische Sammlung, Universität Halle, Germany.

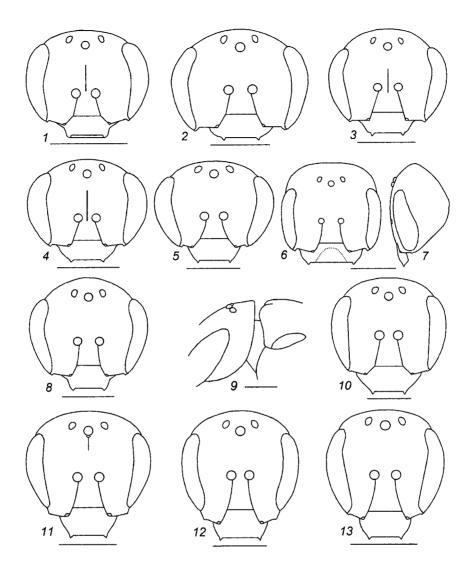
A key to the Eastern Palaearctic species

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| 2 (1). Body entirely covered with dense pale tomentum |
| concealing underlying surfaces (sometimes meso- |
| scutum less densely pubescent), except for bare |
| metapostnotum. Metapostnotum very short, shorter |
| than metanotum, not reaching posterior margin of |
| dorsal surface of propodeum. Metabasitibial plate ill- |
| defined, its anterior border not marked |
| - Body without or with sparse tomentum on most of |
| surfaces; except for S. mongolica and S. pjalmensis |
| gaschunica, in which metasoma entirely covered with |
| dense tomentum. Metapostnotum usual, as long as |
| or longer than metanotum, reaching posterior margin |
| of dorsal surface of propodeum. Metabasitibial plate |
| well-defined, its anterior border distinct as well as |
| posterior one |
| 3 (2). Body black, without metallic tints |
| 1. S. (Mucoreohalictus) indefinita (Blüthgen) |
| - At least, head and mesosoma metallic green 4 |
| 4 (3). Larger, body length 8.5-9.0 mm. Inner metatibial |
| spur pectinate, with 6-7 thin long teeth, separated |
| each other (Fig. 19) |
| (Mucoreohalictus) pollinosa cariniventris (Morawitz) |
| - Smaller, body length not more than 8.0 mm. Inner |
| metatibial spur dentate, with 3-5 wide rounded trian- |
| gular teeth adjoined by their bases (Fig. 20) 5 |
| 5 (4). Smaller, body length 4.8-5.0 mm. Clypeus at |
| lower margin with transverse groove, without lateral |
| tooth (Fig. 1) |
| 14. <i>S. (Placidohalictus) placidula</i> (Blüthgen) |
| - Larger, body length 6-8 mm. Clypeus uniformly |
| convex, without transverse groove, with lateral tooth |
| (as in all species of <i>Halictus</i> and most of <i>Seladonia</i>) |
| 6 |
| 6 (5). Larger, body length 7.5-8.0 mm. Head and meso- |
| soma partly and metasoma entirely brownish, with |
| light green tint, sometimes weak. Head very wide, |
| 1.2-1.25 times as wide as high (Fig. 2), 1.2 times as |
| wide as mesosoma. Clypeus projecting below eyes by |

1/3 of its height or less (Fig. 2). Mesoscutum and scu-

tellum covered with dense pale tomentum concealing

underlying surface



Figs. 1-13. Seladonia, females: 1-6, 8, 10-13, head in front view; 7, head in lateral view; 9, head and anterior part of mesosoma in lateral view.

 S. placidula; 2, S. gobiensis; 3, S. pulverea; 4, S. mongolica; 5, S. pjalmensis gaschunica; 6,

1, S. placidula; 2, S. godiensis; 3, S. pulverea; 4, S. mongolica; 5, S. pjalmensis gaschunica; 6, 7, S. aeraria; 8, 9, S. leucahenea leucahenea; 10, S. argilos; 11, S. mondaensis; 12, S. petraea; 13, S. transbaikalensis.

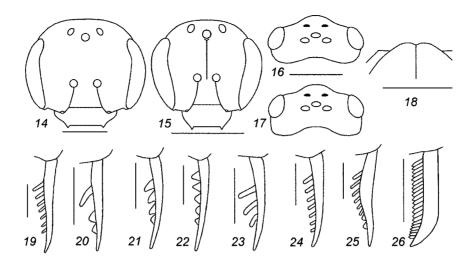
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...... 22. S. (Vestitohalictus) gobiensis (Ebmer)

- 7 (6). Metapostnotum medially longer than rest (densely pubescent) dorsal surface of propodeum
 - 24. **S.** (Vestitohalictus) pulverea (Morawitz)
- Metapostnotum medially shorter than rest (densely pubescent) dorsal surface of propodeum

...... 23. S. (Vestitohalictus) pseudovestita (Blüthgen)

- Metasomal terga only with posterior and sometimes anterior bands of appressed plumose hairs, except for S. dorni, S. semitecta and S. transbaikalensis, in which T3 and T4 on discs entirely covered with dense or sparse tomentum. Legs usually black or fuscous, without yellow pattern. Clypeus usually metallic

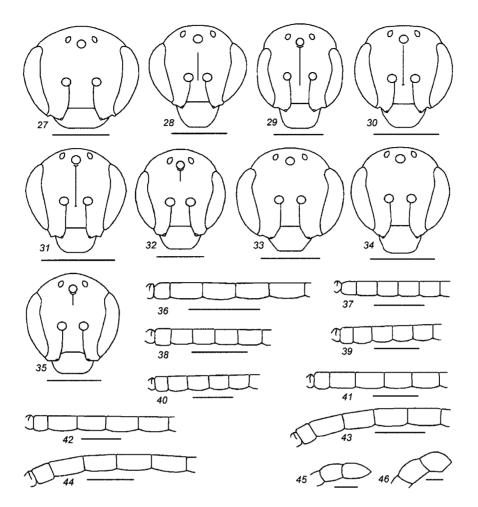


Figs. 14-26. Seladonia, females: 14, 15, head in front view; 16, 17, head in dorsal view; 18, anterior part of mesoscutum in dorsal view; 19-26, inner metatibial spur.
14, S. lucidipennis; 15, S. semitecta; 16, S. tumulorum ferripennis; 17, S. confusa pelagia; 18, S. argilos; 19, S. pollinosa cariniventris; 20. S. placidula; 21, S. gobiensis; 22, S. pseudovestita; 23, S. mongolica; 24, S. pjalmensis gaschunica; 25, S. leucahenea leucahenea; 26, S. argilos.

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- Larger, body length 7.0-7.5 mm. Head (except for black or fuscous clypeus), mesosoma entirely, and metasoma (except for horn-yellow translucent posterior areas of terga light metallic green. Mesoscutum covered with rather dense, but not concealing underlying surface, densely punctate, slightly shiny. Metapostnotum with wide polished stripe along posterior margin. Inner metatibial spur with 7 small teeth (Fig. 24)
- 20a. *S.* (Seladonia) pjalmensis gaschunica (Blüthgen) 10 (8). Body brightly bronze-green. Head nearly cubical, with strongly enlarged genal areas and vertex; higher than wide; its proportions being in strong allometric dependence on body size: in larger individuals (gynes, body length 8-9 mm), head elongate right-angular in front view (Fig. 6), genal area 3 times as wide as eye in lateral view to head (Fig. 7); in smaller individuals (workers, body length

- 12 (11). Head relatively short (distinctly wider than high; Fig. 8) and thin (narrower than eye, in lateral view to head), nearly as wide as mesosoma. Vertex



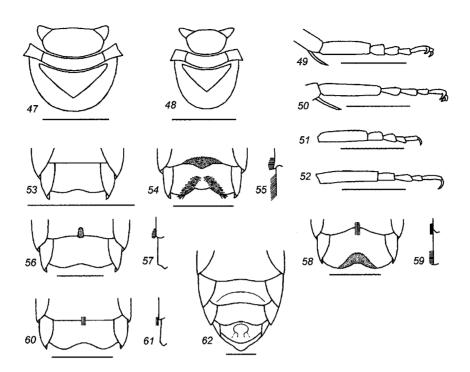
Figs. 27-46. Seladonia, males: 27-35, head in front view; 36-44, 1st–5th flagellomeres, lateral view; 45, 46, 10-11th flagellomeres, lateral view.
27, S. gobiensis; 28, S. pulverea; 29, 36, S. aeraria; 30, 37, S. lucidipennis; 31, 38, S. mongolica; 32, 39, S. nikolskayae; 33, 40, S. pjalmensis gaschunica; 34, 41, S. semitecta; 35, 42, S. leleji; 43, S. leucahenea leucahenea; 44, S. tumulorum ferripennis; 45, S. indefinita; 46, S. pollinosa cariniventris.

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strongly flattened, nearly sharp along posterior (upper) margin (Fig. 9). Mandible relatively short, its subapical tooth small, situated close by distal end of mandible. Mesosoma on upper surface pubescent with long yellow brownish or rusty hairs. Metapostnotum finely sculptured, nearly finely granulate. Inner metatibial spur pectinate, with 7-9 teeth distinctly separated each other at their bases (Fig. 25). Metasomal terga black on discs, with weak, but distinct yellowish green metallic tint; their posterior areas dark. T2 and T3 without anterior hair bands. T4 on disc with inconspicuous dark hairs. Body length 7-8 mm

8a. *S.* (*Pachyceble*) *leucahenea* (Ebmer) – Head as high as wide or somewhat higher than wide (Fig. 10) and more massive: thick (genal area wider eye, in lateral view to head), wider than mesosoma.

13 (11). Body black, with deep blue or dark green metallic tint on head and mesosoma, sometimes very weak



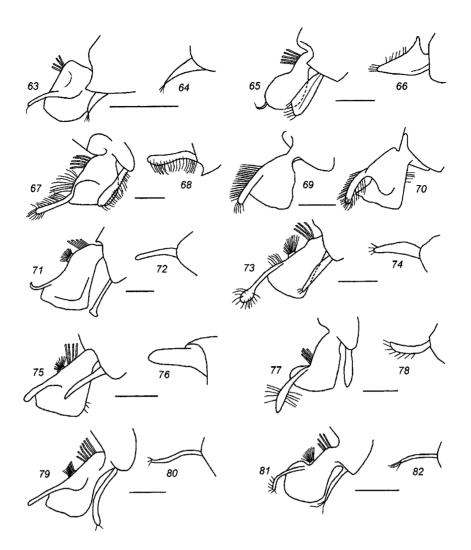
Figs. 47-62. *Seladonia*, males: 47, 48, posterior half of mesosoma, dorsal view; 49-52, hind tarsus; 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, S4 and S5, ventral view; 55, 57, 59, 61, S4 and S5, lateral view; 62, S3-S6, ventral view.

47, 49, *S. nikolskayae*; 48, 50, *S. leleji*; 51, *S. gavarnica* (from Ebmer, 1982: 203); 52, *S. transbaikalensis* (from Ebmer, 1982: 203); 53, *S. placidula*; 54, 55, *S. indefinita*; 56, 57, *S. pollinosa cariniventris*; 58, 59, *S. gobiensis*; 60, 61, *S. pulverea*; 62, *S. mondaensis*.

Scale bar means 1 mm.

- - At least, head and mesosoma metallic green (in S. dorni black, with strong yellow tint). Posterior bands of T1-T4 normal: consisting of dense appressed hairs; band of T1 sometimes interrupted medially. T1 dis-14 (13). Head and mesosoma with deep blue tint. Head as high as wide or somewhat higher than wide (Fig. 11). T1 sparsely obscurely punctate. T1-T4 with weakly developed posterior hair bands. Body length 7.0-7.5 mm 9. S. (Pachyceble) mondaensis (Blüthgen) Head and mesosoma with dark green or dark greenish blue tint. Head 1.1-1.15 times as high as wide (Fig. 12). T1 finely, distinctly and densely punctate. T1-T4 with dense white posterior hair bands. Body length 7.0-7.5 mm. Male unknown11. S. (Pachyceble) petraea (Blüthgen) 15 (13). Head 1.05-1.1 times as high as wide (Fig. 13). - Head 1.05-1.1 times as wide as high (except for S. semitecta, in which head egg-shaped, about as wide as high, but body smaller, length 5.0-5.5 mm) 18 16 (15). Genal areas in dorsal view to head stronger

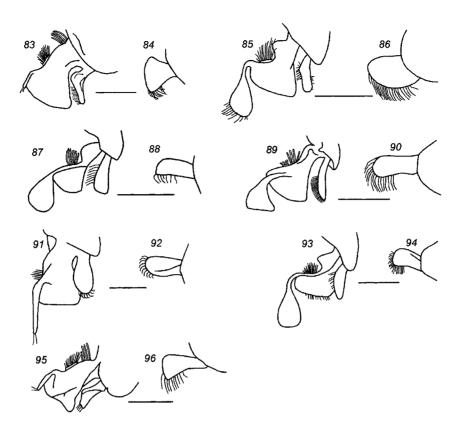
- 17 (16). Body black, with strong greenish yellow metallic tint. Mesoscutum more coarsely (20-25 μm) and more sparsely punctate, with distinct polished interspaces. Metapostnotum coarser alveolate-wrinkled, shiny. Body length 6.5 mm......
 - 5. **S.** (Pachyceble) dorni (Ebmer)
- Body metallic green, without yellow tint. Mesoscutum twice less coarsely punctate, mat. Metapostnotum with fine dense sculpture, nearly granulate, mat. Body length 6.5 mm
- 12. *S. (Pachyceble) transbaikalensis* (Blüthgen) 18 (15). Smaller on average, body length 5.0-6.5 mm.



Figs. 63-82. Seladonia, males: 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, upper gonostylus, posterodorsal view to genital capsule; 64, 66, 68, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, lower gonostylus, posterolateral view to genital capsule; 70, upper gonostylus, postero-lateral view to genital capsule. 63, 64, S. placidula; 65, 66, S. indefinita; 67, 68, S. pollinosa cariniventris; 69, 70, S. gobiensis; 71, 72, S. aeraria; 73, 74, S. lucidipennis; 75, 76, S. mongolica; 77, 78, S. nikolskayae; 79, 80, S. pjalmensis gaschunica; 81, 82, S. semitecta (from Ebmer, 1988: 327). Scale bar means 0.2 mm.

Larger on average, body length 6.5-7.5 mm. Body darker, dark green, deep blue, or black, with deep-blue metallic tint on head and mesosoma; more densely punctate, more mat. Dorsal surface of propodeum as long as or longer than scutellum. Posterior vertical and lateral surfaces of propodeum mat. Legs entirely

- 19 (18). Head rounded in front view (as high as wide; Fig. 14) or transversely elliptic (slightly wider than high), distinctly wider than mesosoma, thick. T3 and T4 with inconspicuous pubescence on discs, only with narrow anterior bands. A very variable species owing to caste differences between gynes and workers. Body length 5.0-6.5 mm
- Head egg-shaped or shortly triangular in front view owing to clypeus more strongly projecting below eyes. At least, T4 entirely covered with tomentum .. 20
 20 (19). Head egg-shaped in front view, about as high as



Figs. 83-96. *Seladonia*, males: 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, upper gonostylus, postero-dorsal view to genital capsule; 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, lower gonostylus, postero-lateral view to genital capsule.

83, 84, *S. confusa pelagia*; 85, 86, *S. dorni* (from Ebmer, 2005: 385); 87, 88, *S. leleji*; 89, 90, *S. leucahenea leucahenea*; 91, 92, *S. mondaensis*; 93, 94, *S. opacoviridis* (from Ebmer, 2005: 386); 95, 96, *S. tumulorum ferripennis*.

Scale bar means 0.2 mm.

wide (Fig. 15). T3 and T4 entirely covered with dense

S. (Pachyceble) tumulorum ferripennis (Cockerell)
 Genal areas in dorsal view to head less convex, their outer margins convergent backward (Fig. 17). Metasoma brownish, with green or bronze metallic tint. T1 on convex surface with large lateral spot of appressed hairs. T4 with wide posterior hair band, occupying entirely posterior area of tergum and triangularly broadened medially forward

...... 4a. S. (Pachyceble) confusa pelagia (Ebmer)

- Body without or with sparse tomentum on most of surfaces; only metasoma provided with posterior and sometimes anterior (very wide in *S. mongolica* and *S. pjalmensis gaschunica*) bands of appressed plumose hairs. Metapostnotum usual, as long as or longer than metanotum, reaching posterior margin of dorsal surface of propodeum. S4 without special pubescence
- 23 (22). Smaller, body length 4 mm. S4 without special pubescence (Fig. 53). Gonostylar set complete. Main body of upper gonostylus rectangular rounded in plane, on inner surface with plate bearing fan of

several thick bristles; medial lobe of upper gonostylus thin, short, curved (Fig. 63). Lower gonostylus shorter than upper one, moderately wide at base, evenly narrowed toward apex, pointed at distal end (Fig. 64) 14. *S. (Placidohalictus) placidula* (Blüthgen) - Larger: body length not less than 5 mm. S4 with me-24 (23). S4 on posterior part provided with narrow flattened median tassel of long thick, closely bordering to each other bristles directed backward (Figs. 58, 59). Medial lobe of upper gonostylus moderately broad and long, on inner side bearing long thick dense bristles directed mesad (Figs. 69, 70). Lower gonostylus - S4 on posterior part provided with brush of short and very dense hairs directed downward. Medial lobe of upper gonostylus moderately varying in size, with other kind of pubescence. Lower gonostylus long and 25 (24). Head rounded triangular in front view, approximately as high as wide or 1.05 times higher than wide (Fig. 28); about as wide as mesosoma. Clypeus entirely projecting below eyes, always with wide yellow stripe along lower margin. S5 nearly bare, without brush of dense hairs (Fig. 60). Body metallic green, except for usually brown clypeus and supraclypeal area. Mesoscutum and scutellum covered with relatively sparse pubescence, not concealing underlying surface. Body length 5-6 mm 24. **S.** (Vestitohalictus) pulverea (Morawitz) - Head transversely elliptical in front view, short (1.1-1.15 times as wide as high; Fig. 27) and broad (1.1-1.2 times as wide as mesosoma). Clypeus projecting below eyes by 2/3-1/2 of its height, usually dark entirely, sometimes always with narrow yellow or dark yellow stripe along lower margin. S5 at posterior margin with rounded triangular (in plane) brush of short, 26 (25). Larger, body length 6.5-7.0 mm. Head and mesosoma covered with dense pale tomentum concealing underlying surfaces. Fore and middle femora rusty yellow; hind femur light brown; tibiae goldish yellow, middle and hind tibiae with rusty brown spot. Metasomal terga brown, with slight green metallic tint 22. S. (Vestitohalictus) gobiensis (Ebmer) - Smaller, body length 5.3-6.3 mm. Head and meso-

soma covered with less dense pale tomentum. Legs

darker, frequently entirely brown. Metasomal terga

metallic green or black, with green tint, except for

horny-yellowish translucent posterior areas

...... 23. S. (Vestitohalictus) pseudovestita (Blüthgen)

- Smaller, body length 6.0-6.5 mm. Body black, without metallic tint. Ultimate flagellomere usual, rounded at apex (Fig. 45). S4 with long transverse brush of short, very dense, erect (directed downward) hairs along posterior margin; S5 with Λ-shaped (in plane) pubescence formed by long inclined haurs directed postero-laterad (Figs. 54, 55). Medial lobe of upper gonostylus very short, very thin, curved, with few short hairs (Fig. 65). Lower gonostylus very broad, pointed at apex, with large, acute-triangular subbasal prominence on dorsal margin (Fig. 66).......

- 30 (29). Smaller: body length 4.5 mm. Head somewhat higher than wide (Fig. 38). Antenna relatively long, nearly reaching posterior end of mesosoma; middle flagellomeres nearly cylindrical, 1.5 times as long as their diameters (Fig. 38). T1-T3 on discs partly brown, without or with slight metallic tint. Mesoscutum relatively sparsely punctate, with distinct shiny interspaces. Lower gonostylus very broad, straight, shorter than upper gonostylus (Fig. 76)
 - 17. S. (Seladonia) mongolica (Morawitz)

- 32 (31). Larger, body length 6.5-7.0 mm. Body brightly metallic bronze-green. Head high and, as a rule, thick, elongate elliptical (usually almost rectangular, owing to broad clypeus) in front view, 1.15-1.2 times as high as wide (Fig. 29); vertex strongly developed, its length (thikness) 1.5-2.0 times distance between inner margins of lateral ocelli; genal area 1.5-2.0 times as wide as eye in lateral view to head. Dorsal surface of propodeum mat, without shiny stripe along posterior margin. Metapostnotum triangular, nearly as long as scutellum. Posterior hair bands of metasomal terga slightly developed, anterior bands lacking. Medial lobe od upper gonostylus thin, short, strongly curved (Fig. 71). Lower gonostylus thin, triangularly broadened at apex, as long as upper gonostylus (Fig. 72)

- terga with dense and continuous posterior hair bands. T2 and T3 also with anterior hair bands. Medial lobe of upper gonostylus thin, long, straight, with flat club at apex provided with several long bristles (Fig. 73). Lower gonostylus broad, narrowed toward apex (Fig. 78). Body length 5-6 mm
- Head 1.15 times as high as wide, elliptical triangular in front view. Clypeus projecting below eyes ontly by entire its height (Fig. 32). Vertex and dorsal surface of mesosoma covered with brown pubescence. Metpostnotum triangular, nearly as long as scutellum (Fig. 47). Metasomal terga with sparse posterior hair bands widely interrupted medially. T2 and T3 also without anterior hair bands. Medial lobe of upper gonostylus nearly as long as main body of gonostylus, relatively narrow, slightly widened in distal half, narrowly rounded at apex, slightly curved, provided with several long bristles in both sides of distal half (Fig. 77). Lower gonostylus somewhat shorter than upper gonostylus, relatively narrow, arc-wise in lateral view (Fig. 78). Body length 6.5 mm. (Female unknown)

- S2 and S3 poorly pubescent, provided without posterior bands. Vertex not flattened, narrowly or widely rounded along posterior margin. Medial lobe of upper gonostylus shorter, very narrow, parallel-sided 39
 36 (35). Head and mesosoma usually metallic yellowish

green. Legs usually almost entirely yellow, with light brown pattern, except for dark brown trochanters, coxae and sometimes hind femur. Medial lobe of upper gonostylus forming triangular club in distal third (Fig. 89). Lower gonostylus relatively narrow, 4-5 times as long as wide (Fig. 90). Body length 7-8 mm

8a. S. (Pachyceble) leucahenea leucahenea (Ebmer)

- - 7. S. (Pachyceble) leleji sp. n.

- 39 (35). Upper gonostylus distinctly emarginate distally (Fig. 95). Lower gonostylus nearly straight (Figs. 95, 96). Flagellum on lower side yellow to ochre-brown. Head and mesosoma metallic green or blue. Metasoma usually shiny, with distinct metallic tint. Body length 6-7 mm
 - 13a.S. (Pachyceble) tumulorum ferripennis (Cockerell)
- 40 (39). Flagellum entirely black or fuscous. Head and

- mesosoma black, with bronze tint, sometimes weak. Metasoma mat, black, usually withour metallic tint. Body length 6-7 mm
- 4a. *S. (Pachyceble) confusa pelagia* (Ebmer)

- Mesoscutum twice less coarsely and sparsely punctate, shagreened in interspaces. Hind tarsus longer (Fig. 52). Median pit of S6 delimited at anterior margin by very weak fur-like brush. Body length 6.5 mm
 12. S. (Pachyceble) transbaikalensis (Blüthgen)

An annotated list of the Eastern Palaearctic species

1. *Seladonia (Mucoreohalictus) indefinita* (Blüthgen, 1923)

Halictus indefinitus Blüthgen, 1923a: 313, Fig. 13. . Holotype: , TURKMENISTAN: Takhta-bazar; NMW; examined.

Taxonomy. Ebmer, 1975: 172, 176 (key); 1976a: 232 (), Figs. 31-34; 1985b: 273, 274, Figs. 1, 3, 5.

Material examined. MONGOLIA (**first record**): Hovd, Utyn-mod, 50 km SSW Uench, 27.VI.1980, leg. M.A. Kozlov, 2 ; ZISP.

Distribution. West of North Africa (Morocco and Tunisia; isolated populations), Asia Minor, southern Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, western Mongolia (Hovd). The records of the species from Asia Minor and Iran by Warncke (1982: 144; 1984: 310) belong to *S. nigricutis* (see Ebmer, 1985b: 273).

2. Seladonia (Mucoreohalictus) pollinosa (Sichel, 1860)

Distribution. A western Palaearctic species, widely distributed in steppes and deserts, as far in the east as northwestern China and western Mongolia. It is considered to be consisting of four subspecies: S. pollinosa thevestensis (Pérez, 1903), inhabiting the west of North Africa (from Morocco to Tunisia); S. pollinosa pollinosa, Corsica, Sicily and Sardinia; S. pollinosa thesea

(Ebmer, 1975), Crete; and *S. pollinosa cariniventris* (Morawitz, 1876), occupying the most part of the specific distributional range in Eurasia (see below).

2a. Seladonia (Mucoreohalictus) pollinosa cariniventris (Morawitz, 1876)

Halictus cariniventris Morawitz, 1876: 220 (key), 226.

. Lectotype: , KYRGYZSTAN: Osh; designated by Blüthgen (1955: 19); ZMMU; examined. The lectotype designation by Warncke (1982: 138) is unnecessary.

Halictus carinaeventris Fahringer et Friese, 1921: 163. Unjustified emendation of *H. cariniventris* Morawitz, 1876.

Halictus cariniventris var. creticola Strand, 1921: 314.
. Holotype: , GREECE: Crete; DEI; examined. Synonymy by Ebmer (1988b: 578).

Halictus cariniventris flavotectus Cockerell, 1922: 550. . Holotype: , PAKISTAN: Quetta; USMW. Synonymy (= *H. pollinosus*) by Blüthgen (1926a: 406).

Halictus pollinosus ssp. limissicus Blüthgen, 1938: 43.Holotype: , CYPRUS: Limassol; MNB; examined.Synonymy by Ebmer (1988b: 578).

Taxonomy. Blüthgen, 1920: 104 (key), 131 (key); 1921: 286; 1922: 56; 1924: 352, 471 (key), 534 (key); 1926a: 406; 1935b: 361; 1955: 19 (H. pollinosus); Ebmer, 1969: 156 (key), 174; 1975: 169, H. pollinosus; 1988b: 578 (subspecific status); Warncke, 1975: 107; 1982: 138; Fan, 1991: 479 (key), 480 (key, H. pollinosus).

Published records. Ebmer (1982: 207; "H. pollinosus"): MONGOLIA: Hovd: Bulgan-gol.

Material examined (5). MONGOLIA: Hovd: Utynmod, 50 km SSW Uench; Bayan-Hongor: Echin-gol, 50 km NNE Tsagan-bogd Mt.; Ömnögovi: Gundaychinhuduk, 20 km WSW Une-huduk; Dornod: "Bayan-Barite, Halh". CHINA: Neimenggu (first record): "Dyn-yuan-in, northern Alashan, 23.VIII.1906, leg. P.K.Kozlov", 1 ; ZISP.

Distribution. Steppes and deserts of Eurasia to Mongolia in the east. Southern Europe from Portugal and Spain in the west, through southern France, Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria and Greece, as far in the east as southeastern European Russia in the east, to Austria in the north. Asia: Israel, Asia Minor, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrghyzstan, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Mongolia (Hovd, Bayan-Hongor, Ömnögovi, Dornod), northern China (Xinjiang, Neimenggu).

3. Seladonia (Pachyceble) argilos (Ebmer, 2005)

Halictus (Seladonia) argilos Ebmer, 2005: 367, Abb. 15-17. . Holotype: , CHINA: Wuhai (Neimenggu); OLML.

Published records. Ebmer (2005: 367): CHINA: Neimenggu: Wuhai.

Material examined. MONGOLIA (**first record**): Ömnögovi, Undyn-gol, 25 km S Han-bogd, 7.VIII.1971, leg. I.M. Kerzhner, 1 ; ZISP,

Distribution. Southern Mongolia (Ömnögovi), northern China (Neimenggu).

Variability. The female from Mongolia (see "Material examined") slightly differs from the types (5) from China in the following characters: (1) head somewhat higher, height / width ratio 1.03 vs. 0.99 in types; (2) supraclypeal area (antefrons) dark brown, without metallic tint vs. black, with reddish and green tints in types; (3) mesoscutum more densely and uniformly punctate (0.3-0.6) vs. 0.5-2.5 in types.

4. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) confusa* (Smith, 1853)

Distribution. A common Holarctic species, widely distributed in moderate and warm zones. It is considered to be consisting of six subspecies: Eastern Nearctic S. confusa confusa (= Halictus constrictus Provancher, 1882; H. provancheri Dalla Torre, 1896; H. nearcticus Vachal, 1904); Western Nearctic S. confusa arapahonum (Cockerell, 1906) (= H. olivarius Sandhouse, 1924); S. confusus glacialis (Ebmer 1979), inhabiting mountains of Central Spain; Alpine S. confusa alpina (Alfken, 1907); S. confusa perkinsi (Blüthgen, 1926) (= H. flavipes auct., nec Apis flavipes Fabricius, 1787), widely distributed in Eurasia from Spain to eastern Kazakhstan (first record); and Eastern Palaearctic S. confusa pelagia (Ebmer 1996) (see below). For differences between ssp. pelagia and ssp. perkinsi see Pesenko & Davydova (2004: 687).

4a. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) confusa pelagia* (Ebmer 1996)

Halictus (Seladonia) confusus pelagius Ebmer 1996: 269, Figs. 6-9. . Holotype: , RUSSIA: Ryazanov-ka (Primorskii Territory); EBM.

Taxonomy. Dawut & Tadauchi, 2003: 126; Pesenko & Davydova, 2004: 685.

Published records. Ebmer (1996: 269): RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory: Anisimovka; 28 km SW Chuguevka; Khasan; Ryazanovka; Shkotovo. Proshchalykin (2003: 6): RUSSIA: Kunashir: Alekhino. Pesenko & Davydova (2004: 686): RUSSIA: Eastern Siberia, Far East; MONGOLIA (see "Material examined"). Proshchalykin (2004: 7): RUSSIA: Amur Province, Khabarovsk and Primorskii Territories, Kunashir (no locality). Ebmer (2005: 362): MONGOLIA: Töv: 100 km E Ulanbator; Arhangay: 100 km NE Tsetserleg); CHINA: Shaanxi: 40 km S Baoji, 100 km W Beijing, Qilatu Shan. Proshchalykin & Kupianskaya (2005: 10): RUSSIA: Magadan Province.

Material examined (121 , 242). RUSSIA: Krasnoyarsk Territory (first record): Krasnoyarsk; Khakassia: 150 km SW Minusinsk; Buryatia: Boyarsk on south bank of Lake Baikal; Yakutia: Tomporuk River in foothills of Verkhoyanskii Ridge, Neryungri, upper reaches of Algama River near mouth of Artyk River, 35 km higher mouth of Tuksan River (Tokinskii Stanovik Ridge), Jewish Autonomous Republic: 40 km NNW Amurzet; Amur Province: Khingan Nature Reserve, Klimoutsy, Kundur, Novospasskii, 25 km SW Simanovsk; Magadan Province (12 km N Seimgan); Khabarovsk Territory: Dormidonovka (92 km S Khabarovsk), Khabarovsk, Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Pivan, Slavyanka; Primorskii Territory: Anisimovka, 10 km NW Artem, 20 km S Barabash-Levada, Golubinyi Utes [Pigeon cliff] on Lake Khasan, Gornotayezhnoe, Kedrovaya Pad, 20 km SW Krounovka, 5 localities in Lazovskii Nature Reserve, Murav'yevka, Novitskoe, 15 km S Partizansk, 15 km NW Partizansk, Novokachalinsk, 20 km N Plastun, 15 km SE Pos'et, 15 km SW Slavyanka, 4 localities in environs of Spassk, 30 km SE Ussuriisk, Vladivostok); Sakhalin: 15 km NE Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk; Kunashir: Alekhino. MONGOLIA: Töv: Kerulen, Songino; Hentiy: Old Bayan-adrag, 10 km NNW Old Binder; Dornod: Syelji River in Major Hingan Mts., Tsagan-nur on Lake Horin, 30 km NNE Havirga.

Distribution. Russia: Altai, Khakassia, Krasnoyarsk Territory, Buryatia, Yakutia, Jewish Autonomous Republic, Amur and Magadan Provinces, Khabarovsk and Primorskii Territories, Sakhalin and Kunashir; Mongolia (Töv, Arhangay, Hentiy, and Dornod); northeastern China (Shaanxi).

5. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) dorni* (Ebmer, 1982)

Halictus (Seladonia) dorni Ebmer, 1982: 204, Fig. 7, Photo 1 on Pl. I. . Holotype: , MONGOLIA: Ich-Bogd (Bayan-Hongor); in Univ. Halle.

Taxonomy. Dawut & Tadauchi, 2002: 143, Pls. 39, 40; Ebmer, 2005: 363, Abb. 1-6 (). The male of "*S. dorni*" described by Fan (1991: 479, 480, Figs. 2-5) rather belongs to *S. argilos* (see Ebmer, 2005: 364).

Published records. Ebmer (1982: 204; 1988a: 362; 2005: 363): MONGOLIA: Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd, 75 km S Bayanhongor, 150 km S Bayanhongor; Hovd: Conocharajch-gol, Bulgan-gol, Jarantaj; Uvs: Charchiraa, 30 km S Ulaangom. Dawut & Tadauchi (2002: 144): MONGOLIA: Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd.

Distribution. Mongolia (Bayan-Hongor, Hovd, and Uvs).

6. Seladonia (Pachyceble) gavarnica (Pérez, 1903)

Halictus gavarnicus Pérez, 1903: 43 (p. ccx, in Journal).
Lectotype: , FRANCE: Gedré (northern Pyrenèes); designated by Ebmer (1972b: 616); MNP.
Halictus tataricus Blüthgen, 1933a: 76. . . Syntypes: 2
, 2 , AZERBAIJAN: Kussary; MNB and ZISP; examined. The current status of the taxon is a subspecies of H. gavarnicus.

Halictus gavarnicus var. delphinalis Blüthgen, 1935a: 111. . Holotype: , FRANCE: Grenoble (Western Alps); MNB; examined. Synonymy (= H. gavarnicus gavarnicus) by Ebmer (1979: 122).

Halictus (Seladonia) gavarnicus longigenae Warncke, 1988: 91, 93, Map. 9. . Holotype: , GREECE: Tymfi (Pindos); OLML. Synonymy (= H. gavarnicus gavarnicus) by Ebmer (1988b: 572).

Taxonomy. Blüthgen, 1933a: 77, Figs. 2, 3; Ebmer, 1969: 154 (key), 155 (key), 173, Figs. 24, 27; 1972b: 616; 1979: 125, 126, 129, Figs. 7-10; 1982: Figs. 3, 4, 6; 1988a: 331 (key), 332 (key), 338 (key), 367, 370, Fig. 73, 87; 1988b: 572; Warncke, 1975: 106; Pesenko *et al.*, 2000: 171 (key), 183, Fig. 257; 2002: 42 (key), 43 (key), Fig. 102.

Published records. Ebmer (1996: 271): RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory: Litovka Mt.; MONGOLIA: Bayan-Hongor: Hangai Mts., Ulan-Zotgalan.

Distribution. A transpalaearctic species considered to be consisting of three subspecies. The nominotypical subspecies (= Halictus gavarnicus var. delphinalis Blüthgen; H. gavarnicus longigenae Warncke) inhabits montane steppes of the Eastern Pyrenèes, Western Alps and southern Greece. S. gavarnica tatarica (Blüthgen) widely spreads in southern and Middle Europe from southern Germany in the west to Bashkiria in the east, as far in the north as Austria and southern Poland; also is

recorded from Asia Minor and Azerbaijan. The unnamed eastern subspecies, found in Mongolia and the Russian Far East, was not described till now, as a shortage of the material does not permit to make adequate diagnosis (see Ebmer, 1996: 271).

7. Seladonia (Pachyceble) leleji Pesenko, sp. n.

Holotype: , RUSSIA, Primorskii Territory, Novokachalinsk, 26.VII.1995, leg. A.S. Lelej [label in Russian]; ZISP.

Diagnosis. The new species belongs to the *S. leucahenea* group, members of which differ from other species of the subgenus in the following characters: vertex very narrowed (nearly sharp) along its posterior margin in both sexes; S2 and S3 of males with dense white hair posterior bands triangularly broadened medially; medial lobe of upper gonostylus of males very long and strongly broadened distally. It is similar to *S. leucahenea* (Ebmer) in the long triangular metapostnotum, but in the structure the gonostyli, it is close to *S. dorni* (Ebmer) and *S. opacoviridis* (Ebmer).

Male. Structure. Body length 6.0 mm. Head nearly 1.1 times as high as wide (Fig. 35), egg-shaped in front view. Clypeus 1.4 times as wide (estimated as distance between anterior tentorial pits) as high; 3/4 of its height placed below eyes. Genal area / eye width ratio 0.9 in lateral view to head. Malar space 0.3 times as wide as mandible at base. Antenna long, reaching metasoma. 2nd-5th flagellomeres twice as long as their diameters (Fig. 42). Mesoscutum straight at anterior margin. Metapostnotum triangular, about as long as scutellum (Fig. 48), separated from punctate upper parts of lateral surfaces of propodeum by slight carina, no smooth stripe. Hind tarsus slender (Fig. 50). Metasoma elongate elliptical-cylindrical. Posterior areas of terga narrow, slightly depressed along all their width. Discs of terga moderately convex. Medial lobe of upper gonostylus curved in proximal part and directed postero-mesad; in distal 3/4 strongly broadened, widely rounded at apex; in the whole it a triangularly rounded leaf-shaped plate with short petiolus (Fig. 87). In normal (natural) position, medial lobes of both upper gonostyli crossing and adjoining with each other along their inner margins. Lower gonostylus 2.5 times as long as wide, provided many long hairs on inner surface (Fig. 88).

Sculpture. Clypeus uniformly punctate (25-30 $\mu m /$ 0.3-0.6), polished on interspaces. Frons and paraocular areas very densely punctate, mat. Genal areas obscurely and sparsely punctate, shiny. Punctation of vertex intermediate between those on frons and genal areas. Meso-

scutum uniformly densely punctate (15-20 μ m / 0.2-0.3), slightly shiny. Mesopleura mat, roughened, with unclear kind of sculpture. Metapostnotum rather granulate, mat, with spaser and weak reticulation in anterior half; weak carina along in its posterior margin narrowly shiny. Lateral and posterior vertical surfaces of propodeum in upper half distinctly punctate, similarly to mesoscutum. Metasomal terga nearly uniformly densely, very finely punctate (10 μ m / 0.2-0.3), mat.

Coloration. Head and mesosoma dark metallic bluegreen. Clypeus on lower third, labrum and most of mandibles dark yellow. Scape and pedicel of antenna entirely black; flagellum ochre-brown on lower side, dark brown on upper side. Tegula brownish infuscate, with dark yellow spot in anterior third. Coxae and trochanters black; most of femora and large spots on middle and hind tibiae brown; rest of legs yellow. Metasoma black, with strong metallic bronze tint.

Pubescence. Head and mesosoma with whitish, not dense, erect hairs, more long and dense on lower half of face, genal areas, sides of mesosoma, and metanotum. T1 with large lateral spots of appressed white hairs; T1-T5 with narrow posterior bands, T2 and T3 also with anterior bands of appressed white hairs.

Female unknown.

Etymology. This species is named for Arkadi S. Lelej (IBSV), a collector of the holotype, a scholar of authority in Aculeata.

8. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) leucahenea* (Ebmer, 1972)

Distribution. A transpalaearctic species considered to be consisting of three subspecies: S. leucahenea arenosa (Ebmer, 1976), widespread in moderate zones of Europe; S. leucahenea occipitalis (Ebmer, 1972), inhabiting Trancaucasus and northeastern Turkey; and Eastern Palaearctic nominotypical subspecies (see below). For differences between ssp. leucahenea and ssp. arenosa see Pesenko & Davydova (2004: 688).

8a. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) leucahenea leucahenea* (Ebmer, 1972)

Halictus (Seladonia) leucaheneus Ebmer, 1972a: 225.
. Holotype: , KAZAKHSTAN: environs of Lake Balkhash; MNB; examined.

Taxonomy. Ebmer, 1978a: 189 (subspecific status;); 1985a: 201; 1988b: 568; Fan, 1991: 479 (key); Dawut & Tadauchi, 2000: 70, Pls. 4, 5; Pesenko & Davydova, 2004: 686, Table 2.

Published records. Blüthgen (1934a: 4; H. fasciatus): RUSSIA: Yakutia: Yakutsk; CHINA: Gansu: vicinity of Minsiang. Ebmer (1978a: 189): CHINA: Heilonjiang: Harbin. Ebmer (1982: 204): MONGOLIA: Hovd: Bulgan-gol, Jarantaj; Uvs: Charchiraa; 30 km S Ulaangom; Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd. Ebmer (1985a: 201): RUS-SIA: Yakutia: Yakutsk; CHINA: Heilonjiang: Harbin. Ebmer (1988a: 359): CHINA: Heilonjiang: Harbin. Fan (1991: 479): CHINA: Heilonjiang. Dawut & Tadauchi (2000: 73): MONGOLIA: Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd. Pesenko & Davydova (2004: 687): RUSSIA: Irkutsk Province, Yakutia, Buryatia, Chita and Amur Provinces, Khabarovsk and Primorskii Territories; MONGOLIA (see "Material examined"). Proshchalykin (2004: 7): RUSSIA: Amur Province, Khabarovsk and Primorskii Territories (no locality). Ebmer (2005: 363): MONGO-LIA: Hovd: Conocharajch-gol; Bulgan; Uvs: Ulangom, Tarialan; Töv: Batsumber, Ulanbator, 90 km N Ulanbator, 100 km E Ulanbator; Bayan-Hongor: 86 km S Bayanhongor, 2 km S Bayanhongor; Arhangay: 25 NE Tsetserleg.

Material Examined (328, 281). RUSSIA: Irkutsk Province: Dar'ino Village between Kirensk and Vitim; Yakutia: 60 km N Amga, mouth of Labya River, Nyurba on Vilyui River, Olekminsk, mouth of Olekma River, 75 km SSE Novopokrovskoe on Amga River, 60 km E Vilyuisk, 90 km N Yakutsk, 5 localities in environs of Yakutsk, Buryatia: Saragol on Chikoi River; Chita Province: Urulyungui Station; Amur Province: right bank of Amur River against Beitonovo, Blagoveshchensk, Dim, 20 km W Poyarkovo, 75 km W Svobodnoe; Khabarovsk Territory: Amurastalevskaya Mt., Khabarovsk, Khirpi; Primorskii Territory: Golubinyi Utes [Pigeon cliff] on Lake Khasan, 7 km N Khasan, Novokachalinsk. MON-GOLIA: Hovd: Bodonchin-gol (12 km SW Altai), Nariin-bulak, Ich-Havtgiin-Nuru Ridge; Uvs: 45 km ESE Ulangom; Dzavhan: Songino; Arhangay: 40 km of NW Tsererleg; Övör-Hangay: Arts-bogd (20 km S Hovd), Baga-bogd (20 km ESE from the highest top); Ömnö govi: 30 km NNE Bulgan; Selenge: ro-gol near Dulanhan, 25 km E Darhan, 13 km N Bayan-gol; Töv: Sugunur in upper reaches of Hara-gol, 145 km SW Ulan Bator, SSW Buyant, 12 km N Galshir; Dornodgovi: 45 km NW Dalan-jargalan Station, 60 km NW Choir; Dornod: Duchin-gol (10 km NE Gurvan-dzagal), Bayandun (13 km W Dasgbalbar). Horin-tsagan-nur (18 km NE Dashbalbar), 60 km SSW Choibaksan, 30 km NNE Havirga, Matad, 45 km NNE Ich-chulut-ula, 30 km W Tamsagbulak, Tamsag-bulak, Modon-Obo (30 km ENE Tsaganula), Huh-nor, eastern angle of Buir-nur, Numregin-gol (32 km SE Salhit Mt.), 30 km ESE Dzavsar-bulak, Halhin-gol (12 km SW Halhingol-Somon), Syelchzhi River in Major Hingan Mts.; Sühbaatar: 15 km SSE Hongor, 5 km NNE Barun-hunduk, 50 km EEW Barun-urt, 80 km NNE Barun-urt, Dzotol-han-ula. CHINA: Heilongjiang: "Manchuko: Barim".

Distribution. Eastern Asia from Lake Balkhash to northeastern China: Eastern Kazakhstan, Kyrghyzstan, Altai, Irkutsk Province, Yakutia, Buryatia, Chita and Amur Provinces, Khabarovsk and Primorskii Territories, Mongolia, northern and northeastern China (Gansu, Heilongjiang).

9. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) mondaensis* (Blüthgen, 1923)

Halictus mondaensis Blüthgen, 1923a: 285. . Holotype: , "Mongolei: Monda" [RUSSIA: Mondy (Buryatia); see Kerzhner, 1972: 66]; MNB; examined.

Taxonomy. Blüthgen, 1923b: 71 (key), 141; Ebmer, 1982: 205; 1988a: 373; Dawut & Tadauchi, 2003: 123, Pls. 61, 62; Pesenko & Davydova, 2004: 688, 689 (), Figs. 1-9.

Published records. Blüthgen (1923a: 285): RUS-SIA: Buryatia (Mondy). Ebmer (1982: 205; 1988a: 373): MONGOLIA: Töv (Bogd-uul near Ulanbator). Pesenko & Davydova (2004: 691): RUSSIA: Tuva, Yakutia, Magadan Province (see "Material examined"). Proshchalykin & Kupianskaya (2005: 10): RUSSIA: Magadan Province.

Material examined (326 , 70). RUSSIA: Tuva: Lake Malyi Khindiktig-Khol (60 km W Mugur Aksa); Buryatia: Mondy (holotype); Yakutia: Bakhanai-Nashim, Zhigansk-Khoronko, Lena Rines near Zhigansk, Tomtor, Dungalakh frazil, left bank of Yana River against Verkhoyansk, Indigirka River in 15 km S Tebyulyakh, Balagannakh (30 km ESE Ust-Nera), 70 km ESE Ust-Nera, Notara River; Magadan Province: Lazo, 50 km N Seimchan, 12 km N Seimchan, upper reaches of Kolyma River (62°07' N), Sibit-Tyellakh, Susuman, Vetrennoe. MONGOLIA: Bulgan: Ingenii Pass, 33 km S Selenge.

Distribution. An inhabitant of the "Strongly Continental Sector" of Eastern Asia. Buryatia, Tuva, Yakutia, Magadan Province of Russia, central Mongolia.

10. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) opacoviridis* (Ebmer, 2005)

Halictus (Seladonia) opacoviridis Ebmer, 2005: 365, Abb. 7-14. . Holotype: , CHINA: Ganguyi (Shaanxi); OLML.

Published records. Ebmer (2005: 364): CHINA: Shaanxi (Ganguyi; 35 km NE Yan'an; Suide; Qingjian), Shanxi (Jinglangling; Xiexian; Monan), Beijing (Haidian).

Distribution. Northern and northeastern China (Shaanxi, Shanxi, and Beijing).

11. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) petraea* (Blüthgen, 1933)

Halictus petraeus Blüthgen, 1933a: 78, Fig 4. . Holotype: , TAJIKISTAN: Gursui-Tasch (Peter the First Ridge); ZISP; examined.

Taxonomy. Dawut & Tadauchi, 2003: 121, Pls. 59, 60. Material examined. MONGOLIA (first record): Bayan-Ölgiy: "southeastern shore of Hoton-nur, 16-17.VII.1978, leg. M.A. Kozlov", 3 , ZISP; "Dzhargiliin-gol, 20 km NW Bulgan, 6.VII.1980, leg. I.M. Kerzhner", 1 , ZISP. Distribution. Mountains of Tajikistan (Peter the First Ridge), Kyrghyzstan (Talas Alatau Ridge), and western Mongolia (Bayan-Ölgiy).

12. *Seladonia (Pachyceble) transbaikalensis* (Blüthgen, 1933)

Halictus transbaikalensis Blüthgen, 1933a: 76. . Holotype: , RUSSIA: "Süd-Trans-baikalien" [no locality]; MNB; examined.

Taxonomy. Ebmer, 1982: 202 (), Figs. 1, 2; 1988a: 372; Dawut & Tadauchi, 2003: 118, Pls. 57, 58.

Published records. Blüthgen (1933a: 76): RUSSIA: "Süd-Transbaikalien" (no locality). Ebmer (1982: 203): CHINA: Neimenggu (no locality). Ebmer (1988a: 372): RUSSIA: Irkutsk Province (Irkutsk), MONGOLIA (no locality). Ebmer (2005: 362): MONGOLIA: Ömnögovi (40 km W Dalanzadgad), Bayan-Hongor (16 km NW Bayanhongor), Arhangay (25 km NE Tsetserleg).

Material examined (5). RUSSIA: Chita Province (first record): Bylyra on Kyra River. MONGOLIA. Töv: Sugu-nur in upper Hara-gol; Sühbaatar: 20 km W Shiliin-bogd-ula Ömnögovi: Udzur-dzag (40 rv ESE Han-bogd; Dornod: 60 km NW Choir (Sumber).

Distribution. South of Eastern Siberia (Irkutsk, Chita Province), Mongolia, and northern China (Neimenggu).

13. Seladonia (Pachyceble) tumulorum (Linnaeus, 1758)

Distribution. S. tumulorum (Linnaeus, 1758) is a

polyzonal panpalaearctic species considered to be consisting of four subspecies: Western Palaearctic *S. tumulorum tumulorum*; *S. tumulorum oros* (Ebmer, 1988), described from mountains of Greece; Corsican *S. tumulorum kyrnos* (Ebmer, 1988); and Eastern Palaearctic *S. tumulorum ferripennis* (see below). For differences between ssp. *ferripennis* (under the name *S. tumulorum higashi*) and ssp. *tumulorum* see Pesenko & Davydova (2004: 692).

13a. Seladonia (Pachyceble) tumulorum ferripennis (Cockerell, 1929), status n.

Halictus ferripennis Cockerell, 1929: 586. Syntypes:
2 , RUSSIA: "Smolenschina (near Irkutsk), Siberia" [Smolenskoe, 10 km SW Irkutsk]; BML.

Halictus (Seladonia) tumulorum ssp. higashi Sakagami et Ebmer, 1979: 543, Figs. 1-7. . Holotype: , JA-PAN: Sapporo (Hokkaido); FAHUS. **Syn. n.**

Taxonomy. Ebmer, 1988a: 364; Fan, 1991: 479 (key); Kim, 1997: 2, Figs. 7-10; Pesenko & Davydova, 2004: 691, Tables 3, 4; Dawut & Tadauchi, 2002: 145, Pls. 41-43.

Comment on the synonymy. Ebmer (1978a: 189) informed that individuals of S. tumulorum (in the genus Halictus in the author's wider understanding) from Manchuria and northern Japan so strongly differ from the Western Palaearctic ones that can be considered a separate subspecies. This subspecies was described a year later by Sakagami & Ebmer (1979: 543) under the name Halictus (Seladonia) tumulorum higashi. These authors underlined a strong variability, even overlapping the differences between this subspecies and nominotypical one. Later Ebmer (1982: 204; 1988b: 570; 2005: 362) defined the distributional range of S. tumulorum higashi as including the south of the Russian Far East, northeastern China and northern Japan. According to Ebmer (1978a: 189), the types of H. ferripennis Cockerell from the environs of Irkutsk, belong to the nominotypical form of S. tumulorum.

For more accurate definition of the western borders of the distributional range of the eastern subspecies of *S. tumulorum*, Pesenko & Davydova (2004: 691, Tables 3, 4) have analysed the variability of *S. tumulorum* in the Eastern Palaearctic Region and the eastern part of the Western Palaearctic Region on the basis of the vast material deposited at ZISP, IBSS and ZMMU (a total of nearly a thousand individuals). We have distinguished four principal combinations of six characters: "typical of *S. tumulorum tumulorum*", "typical of *S. tumulorum*

higashi" and two intermediate combinations.

Our analysis has shown as follows. First, S. tumulorum higashi has so high infrapopulation variation, that some of individuals almost in each locality can be identified as belonging to S. tumulorum tumulorum. Second, percentages of the four outlined forms (character combinations) vary in different populations of the Eastern Palaearctic Region, but this variability does not show a distinct geographical trend; in particular, the share of the "typical S. tumulorum tumulorum" individuals in each local population does not increase in the westward direction, and the share of the "typical S. tumulorum higashi" individuals, in the eastward one. Third, the "typical S. tumulorum higashi" individuals prevail or, at least, consist of a significant part in all of the studied populations in the Eastern Palaearctic Region (the least percentage of them is recorded in central Yakutia, 30%), whereas the relative abundance of the "typical S. tumulorum tumulorum" form is low everywhere (the most percentage is recorded in Chita Province, one specimen from eleven examined, i.e. 9%). Fourth, although a very scanty material was available from some areas, on the whole it is possible make to a conclusion, that S. tumulorum higashi is spread from Japan in the east to Altai in the west and to Yakutia in the north; its western border (transgression zone) with the nominotypical subspecies passes through Eastern Kazakhstan.

Basing on the results above, it can be concluded that "H. ferripennis" recorded from the centre of the distributional range of the eastern subspecies of S. tumulorum, should be considered belonging to this subspecies, in spite of the similarity of "H. ferripennis" to the nominotypical form of S. tumulorum. For the establishment of subspecies, the geographical criterion prevails over morphological one. Hence, H. tumulorum higashi Sakagami et Ebmer, 1979 is ascertained here a junior synonym of H. ferripennis Cockerell, 1929.

Published records. Morawitz (1890: 366): CHINA: Gansu (Upin, H. tumulorum; "Chuan-Chua-Schan", "H. flavipes F."). Cockerell (1924: 581): RUSSIA: Primorskii Terrotory (Kudia River; Preobrazheniya Bay; "Kongaus" [= Anisimovka]). Cockerell (1929: 586; H. ferripennis): RUSSIA: Irkutsk Province (Smolenskoe, 10 km SW Irkutsk). Gussakovskij (1932: 63; "H. daturae"): RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory (Sedanka; Suchan). Blüthgen (1934a: 3): CHINA: Gansu (vicinity of Minsiang). Sakagami & Fukuda (1972: 4): JAPAN: Hokkaido (Nakagawa and Kamiotoineppu). Fukuda et al. (1973: 163): JAPAN: Hokkaido (Hama-Koshimizu). Sakagami & Fukuda (1973: 246): JAPAN: Hokkaido (Sapporo). Usui et al. (1976: 228): JAPAN: Hokkaido (Obihiro).

Ebmer (1978a: 189): RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory (Tigrovaya Pad), CHINA: Heilongjiang (Harbin; Erdaochajlinche). Ebmer (1978c: 309): NORTH KOREA (a number of localities in invirons of Pyongyan). Sakagami & Ebmer (1979: 547): RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory (Tigrovaya Pad), Sakhalin (Korsakov; Yuzhnosakhalinsk); NORTH KOREA: Ryang-gang (Bochambo), Gang-von (Kum-gang san); CHINA: Heilongjiang (Harbin); JAPAN: Hokkaido (Hakodate; Sapporo), Honshu (Aomori). Ebmer (1982: 204): MONGOLIA: Uvs (Charchiraa; 30 km S Ulaangom). Ebmer (1988a: 364): RUSSIA; Sakhalin (no locality), NORTH KOREA (no locality), CHINA: Heilongjiang (Harbin), JAPAN: Hokkaido (no locality), Honshu (no locality). Yamada et al. (1990: 37): JAPAN: Honshu (Shimokita and Nambu). Ebmer (1996: 269: RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory (Arkhipovka; Krounovka; Przewalsk; Ryazanovka; Sedanka; Shkotovo; Spuntik; Suchan; Tikhoe; Ussuriisk; 40 km E Ussuriisk; 30 km W Vladivostok). Kim (1997: 2): SOUTH KOREA (a lot of localities). Dawut & Tadauchi (2002: 150): JAPAN: Hokkaido (a lot of localities). Proshchalykin (2004: 7): RUSSIA: Amur Province, Khabarovsk and Primorskii Territories, Sakhalin, Kurils (no locality). Proshchalykin et al. (2004: 160): RUSSIA: Sakhalin (Yuzhnoskhalinsk). Ebmer (2005: 362): MONGOLIA: Töv (90 km N Ulanbator; Ulanbator; Zuunmod); SOUTH KOREA: Jirisan Mt. Proshchalykin & Kupianskaya (2005: 11): RUSSIA: Magadan Province.

Material examined (306, 443). RUSSIA: Krasnoyarsk Territory: Krasnoyarsk; Irkutsk Province: Irkutsk, Rassokha; Buryatia (first record): Baikalsk; Yakutia: mouth of Pilke River, Olekmonsk, mouth of Olekma River, Khomurgan-Arbyn summer stand near mouth of Aldan River, 5 localities in environs of Yakutsk; Yakutsk, 75 km S Yakutsk; Lake Khariyalakh near Edei Village (200 km S Yakutsk), Oi-Bes near Pavlovskoe, Amga, Berdzhiges summer stand on left bank of Amga River, Khattygy-Terde on Amga River, 25 km N Aldan; Chita Province: Andrianovka Station, Kalga, Nerchinskii Work, Bylyra in flood plane of Kyra River; Amur Province: 75 km W Svobodnyi, 45 km W Svobodnyi, interfluve of Malaya Pera and Bolshoi Ergel Rivers, Khingan Nature Reserve; Jewish Autonomous Republic: 40 km NNW Amurzet; Magadan Province: 12 km N Seimgan; Khabarovsk Territory: Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Pivan, Khabarovsk, Dormindontovka, Bychykha, Dva Brata [Two Brothers] Mt., against Malyshevskoe in lower reaches of Amur River, Amurstalevskaya Mt., mouth of Gorin River, Kamennaya pad, Khoperskoe; Primorskii Territory: Andreyevka, Anisimovka, 10 km NW Artem, 10 km SE Chernigovka, Golubinyi Utes [Pigeon cliff] on Lake Khasan, Gornotayezhnoe, Guberovo, Kamen-Rybolov, 20 km NW Kamen-Rybolov, Kedrovava Pad. 7 km E Khasan, Komarovka River, 40 km E Kraskino, 17 localities in Lazovskii Nature Reserve, Monakino, Novokachalinsk, Lyalichi on Ilistaya River, 4 localities in environs of Partizansk, 15 km NE Pos' et, 20 km SW Putsylovka, Rynda, Samarka, 4 localities in environs of Slavyanka, 5 localities in environs of Spassk, Tigrovyi, Troitsa [The Whitsunday] Bay, 22 km S Turii Rog, 3 localities in environs of Ussurisk, Vasilkovka, Vladivostok; Sakhalin: Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, 15 km NE Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Novikovo, Novo-Aleksadrovsk; Kunashir (Alekhino, Dubovoe, Lake Goryacheye). MONGOLIA: Töv: Songino, Kerulen; Selenge: 25 km E Darhan; Bulgan: Ingenii-daba Pass (33 km S Selenge); Hentiy: 8 km S Norovlin, Sutzukte Gorge; Dornod: Halhin-gol (70 km E Bayan-nur). JAPAN: Sapporo.

Distribution. An Eastern Palaearctic widespread subspecies. Russia: Mountain Altai, south of Krasnoyarsk Territory and Irkutsk Province, Buryatia, Yakutia, Chita, Amur and Magadan Provinces, Primorskii and Khabarovsk Territories, Sakhalin; central and eastern Mongolia; Korean Peninsula; northern and northeastern China (Neimenggu, Heilongjiang, and Jilin); northern Japan (Hokkaido and Honshu).

14. *Seladonia (Placidohalictus) placidula* (Blüthgen, 1923)

Halictus placidulus Blüthgen, 1923a: 240. . Holotype: , "Chinese Turkestan: Tschakar bei Polu" [CHINA: Xinjiang]; MNB; examined.

Taxonomy. Blüthgen, 1931b: 395 (), Fig. 21; Ebmer, 1988b: 577; Dawut & Tadauchi, 2002: 140, Pl. 38.

Material examined. MONGOLIA **(first record)**: Govialtay: Shargyn-gobi (25 km NE Bayan), 16.VI.1980, M.A. Kozlov, 12 ; ZISP.

Distribution. Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, southwestern Mongolia (Govialtay), and northwestern China (Xinjiang).

15. *Seladonia (Seladonia) aeraria* (Smith, 1873)

Halictus aerarius Smith, 1873: 201. . Holotype: , JA-PAN: Hiogo (Honshu); BML.

Halictus confluens Morawitz, 1890: 368. Lectotype., CHINA: "Sinin [Qinghai Province], 29.IV, Rob[orowski], "Halictus confluens F. Morawitz",

both labels by Morawitz's hand; **designated here**; ZISP. This is a single specimen from the type series in ZISP. The diagnosis of the species is given in the key to species above. Synonymy by Ebmer (1978a: 190).

Halictus alexoides Strand, 1910: 194. Holotype: , JAPAN (no locality); MNB; examined. Synonymy by Blüthgen (1923c: 242).

Halictus pseudoconfluens Strand, 1910: 199. Syntypes:4, 1, CHINA: Tsingtau [at present Shandong: Qingdao]; MNB; examined. Synonymy (= *H. alexoides*) by Blüthgen (1922: 54).

Halictus nikkoensis Cockerell, 1911: 241. . Holotype: , JAPAN: Nikko (Honshu); USMW. Synonymy by Blüthgen (1926a: 405).

Halictus leucopogon Strand, 1914: 170. Syntypes: "Formosa [TAIWAN]: Taihorin"; DEI; examined. Synonymy by Blüthgen (1923c: 241).

Halictus tsushimae Friese, 1916: 32. Syntypes: 2, 1, JAPAN: Tsushima; MNB; examined. Synonymy (= H. alexoides) by Blüthgen (1922: 66).

Halictus (Seladonia) eruditus Cockerell, 1924: 581.
. Holotype: , RUSSIA: Okeanskaya [near Vladivostok, Primorskii Territory]; USMW. Synonymy by Blüthgen (1926a: 408).

Taxonomy. Blüthgen, 1922: 54, 60, 66; 1923c: 241; 1926a: 397, 405, 408; 1934a: 3; Ebmer, 1978a: 190; 1988a: 346; 1996: 269; Fan, 1991: 479 (key), 489 (key); Kim, 1997: 1, Figs. 2-6; Dawut & Tadauchi, 2000: 65-70, Pls. 1-3.

Published records. Smith (1873: 201): JAPAN: Honshu: Hiogo. Morawitz (1890: 368; Halictus confluens): CHINA: Qinghai: Sinin. Strand (1910: 199; H. pseudoconfluens): CHINA: Shandong: "Tsingtau" (Qingdao). Cockerell (1911: 241; H. nikkoensis): JA-PAN: Honshu: Nikko. Friese (1916: 32; H. tsushimae): JAPAN: Tsushima (no locality). Cockerell (1924: 581; H. eruditus): RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory: Okeanskaya. Gussakovskij (1932: 63): RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory: Sedanka; Suchan. Blüthgen (1934a: 3): CHINA: Gansu: vicinity of Minsiang. Yasumatsu (1934: 62): JAPAN: Yakushima: Ambo-Onoaida. Yasumatsu & Narisada (1935: 65): CHINA: Liaoning: "Dairen" (Dalian). Yasumatsu (1937: 68): JAPAN: Tsushima (5 localities). Okabe (1939: 22): CHINA: "Nordmandschurei (Yungfengchen)". Ebmer (1978a: 190): CHINA: Heilongjiang: Harbin, 34 km N Harbin. Ebmer (1978c: 308): NORTH KOREA (a number of localities in environs of Pyongyan). Ikudome (1978: 320, 322; 1981: 160): JAPAN: Shikoku: (a number of localities in Kôchi Plain). Yamada et al. (1990: 37): JAPAN: Honshu: Shimokita, Nambu. Ikudome (1992: 133): JAPAN: Kyushu: Kagoshima. Ikudome & Nakamura (1994: 5): JAPAN: Honshu (a number of localities in Hiroshima Prefecture). Ikudome & Nakamura (1995: 51): JAPAN: Honshu (a number of localities in Gônokawa Basin). Ebmer (1996: 269): RUSSIA: Primorskii Territory: Partizansk, Samarka, Sedanka, 20 km S Spassk, Suchan, Tamga; Khabarovsk Territory: Khabarovsk. Ikudome & Nakamura (1996: 175): JAPAN: Honshu (a number of localities in Takatsugawa Basin). Ikudome & Nakamura (1997: 20): JAPAN: Honshu (a number of localities in Hiroshima Prefecture). Iwata (1997: 640): JAPAN: Kyushu: Setaura. Kim (1997: 2): SOUTH KOREA (a lot of localities). Dawut & Tadauchi (2000: 70): JAPAN: a lot of localities from Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, and Tsushima. Proshchalykin (2004: 7): RUSSIA: Khabarovsk and Primorskii Territories (no locality).

Material examined (199, 287). RUSSIA. Amur Province (first record): Blagoveshchensk, 17.VIII.1982, A.S. Lelej, 1, ZISP; Kundur, 8.VII.1987, A.N. Kupianskaya, 1 , 1 , IBSV, ZISP. Khabarovsk territory: Berezovka-Nekrasovka, Dva Brata (Two Brothers) Mt., Khabarovsk, Khopersk, Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Myachai Mts., Promyslovka (Sikhote-Alin Ridge), Smidovich, Solnechnyi, Troitskii, 20 km E Vyazemskoe, Shargol. Primorskii Territory: Anisimovka, 15 km NW Artem, Benevskoe, Blagodatnoe, 15 km SE Chernigovka, 15 km E Dmitrievka, Elabuga, Gornotaezhnoe, Lebedinoe, Kamen-Rybolov, Kedrovaya pad, Lake Khanka, Khasan, Kievka, Murav'evka, Novokachalinsk, Okeanskaya, 3 localities in environs of Partizansk, Pos' et, 12 km NW Preobrazhenia Bay, 20 km SW Putsilovo, 5 localities in environs of Slavyanka, 5 localities in environs of Spassk, Suputinka, Tekhmenevo, Ussuriisk, 30 km SE Ussuriisk, Vityaz, Vladivostok, Yakovlevka. MONGOLIA (first record): Sühbaatar: 20 km Barunurt, 14.VII.1971, leg. I.M. Kerzhner, 1 ; ZISP. CHINA: Qinghai: Sinin (lectotype of Halictus confluens); Shandong: Qingdao (syntypes of Halictus pseudoconfluens); 3 localities in Beijing Municipality; Liaoning: 30 km E Sheniang, 50 km N Sheniang; Heilongjiang: Harbin. SOUTH KOREA: Gyeonysangnam Province: 30 km NNW Jinju. JAPAN: Tsushima (syntypes of Halictus tsushimae); Honshu: Ibaraki, Inuyama, Kitaibaraki, Kyoto, Osaka; Kyushu: Ohmura.

Distribution. Eastern Palaearctic and northern Oriental Regions, from northwestern Tibet in the west, as far as Japan and Taiwan in the east: Mongolia (Sühbaatar), China (Anhui, Beijing, Fujian, Gansu, Hebei, Liaoning, Heilongjiang, Jiangsu, Jilin, Shandong, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Yunnan, and Zheilang; i.e. except for the west), south

of Russian Far East (Amur Province, Primorskii and Khabarovsk Territories), Korean Peninsula, Japan (Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, Tsushima, Yakushima), Taiwan.

16. *Seladonia (Seladonia) lucidipennis* (Smith, 1853)

- Halictus lucidipennis Smith, 1853: 62. Syntypes: "Northern INDIA"; BML.
- Halictus varipes Morawitz, 1876: 223. Lectotype: , UZBEKISTAN: Dshizak; designated by Blüthgen (1955: 17); ZMMU; examined. Synonymy by Sakagami & Ebmer (1987: 326).
- Halictus vernalis Smith, 1879: 30. . Syntype: 1 , "Ceylon" [SRI LANKA]; BML. Synonymy by Ebmer (1980: 483).
- Halictus niloticus Smith, 1879: 32. " " []. Syntype: 1 , SUDAN: White Nile; BML. Synonymy (= *H. varipes*) by Ebmer (1982: 201).
- Halictus magrettii Vachal, 1892: cxxxvii. Syntype(s): SUDAN: Suakin; MCG. Synonymy (= H. varipes) by Ebmer (1982: 201).
- Halictus dives Pérez, 1895: 52. Lectotype: , ALGE-RIA: Biskra; designated by Ebmer (1972b: 600); MNP. Synonymy (*H. varipes* var. dives) by Blüthgen (1930b: 221).
- *Halictus variipes* Dalla Torre, 1896: 90. Unjustified emendation of *Halictus varipes* Morawitz, 1876.
- Halictus omanicus Pérez, 1907: 489. Lectotype: , ARABIAN EMIRATES: Muscat; designated by Ebmer (1972b: 629); MNP. Synonymy (= *H. varipes*) by Blüthgen (1930b: 222).
- Halictus varipes var. koptica Blüthgen, 1933b: 16.

 Syntypes: 2 and 17 from a number of localities in EGYPT; MBL, MNB, NMW, and ECC; examined in MNB and NMW. Synonymy (= H. varipes) by Ebmer (1982: 201).
- Halictus (Seladonia) sudanicus Cockerell, 1945: 352. . . Holotype: , SUDAN: Shendi; BML. Synonymy (= *H. varipes*) by Ebmer (1982: 201).
- Halictus (Seladonia) tokarensis Cockerell 1945: 352. . . Holotype: , SUDAN: Tokar; BML. Synonymy (= H. varipes) by Ebmer (1982: 201).
- Halictus (Seladonia) dissensis Cockerell, 1945: 353. . . Holotype: , SUDAN: Dissa; BML. Synonymy (= *H. varipes*) by Ebmer (1982: 201).
- Halictus (Seladonia) medanicus Cockerell, 1945: 354. . Holotype: , SUDAN: Medani; BML. Synonymy (= H. varipes) by Ebmer (1982: 201).
- Halictus (Seladonia) mogrensis Cockerell, 1945: 355.

Holotype: , SUDAN: Mogren; BML. Synonymy (= *H. varipes*) by Ebmer (1982: 201).

Halictus (Seladonia) tokariellus Cockerell 1945: 355. . Holotype: , SUDAN: Tokar; BML. Synonymy (= H. varipes) by Ebmer (1982: 201).

Halictus (Seladonia) medaniellus Cockerell, 1945: 356. . Holotype: , SUDAN: Medani; BML. Synonymy (=H. varipes) by Ebmer (1982: 201).

Halictus (Seladonia) mogrenensis: Michener, 1978: 528.
Unjustified emendation of Halictus mogrensis Cockerell, 1945.

Halictus (Seladonia) morinellus hyemalus Warncke, 1982: 134. . Holotype: , IRAN: Bandar-Abbas; OLML. Synonymy by Ebmer (1988a: 356).

Taxonomy (selected references). Blüthgen, 1926b: 678, 684 (key), 686 (key); 1930b: 221 (H. varipes var. dives;), 222 (H. varipes;); 1931a: 210; 1931b: 326 (H. lucidipennis and H. vernalis); 1933b: 21 (H. magrettii), 22 (H. niloticus); 1935b: 361 (H. varipes); 1955: 17 (H. varipes); Ebmer, 1972b: 600, 629; 1980: 483; 1982: 201; 1988a: 356 (H. varipes); Sakagami & Ebmer, 1987: 318 (key), 321, many figs.; Pauly, 1999: 146; Dawut & Tadauchi, 2002: 135, Pls. 33-35 (H. lucidipennis); 2003: 108, Pls. 51, 52 (H. varipes).

Published records. Morawitz (1880: 365; H. varipes): MONGOLIA (no locality; see "Material"). Blüthgen (1955: 17; H. varipes): CHINA: Gansu: "Oase Satschou" (Min-ghoshan).

Material examined (2 ; ZISP) MONGOLIA: Govialtay: "Adzh Bogdo Ridge" (Aj-Bogd-uul; see Pesenko, 1984: 448)

Distribution. Southern Palaearctic and Oriental Regions. North Africa: Cape Verde Islands, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan; Asia: Israel, Arabian Peninsula, Asia Minor, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrghyzstan, Mongolia (Govialtay), northern China (Gansu), Pakistan, India, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka. The records of the species (under the name *Halictus variipes*) from Europe by Strand (1909: 18) and Diniz (1959: 34) were based on misidentification (see Ebmer, 1979: 130).

17. Seladonia (Seladonia) mongolica (Morawitz, 1880)

Halictus mongolicus Morawitz, 1880: 365. . Lectotype: , "MONGOLIA", "95474" [Govialtay: "Adzh Bogdo Ridge"; = Aj-bogd-uul]; specimen provided with gold circle and the label "mongolicus Mor. Typ." by Morawitz's hand; designated here; ZISP. In ZISP,

there are also paralectotypes:4 , Mongolia: "95465:, "95468", "95471, "95472" [Adzh-Bogdo Ridge]. The diagnosis of the species is given in the key to species above.

Taxonomy. Blüthgen, 1929: 77, Fig. 7 (); 1935a: 113; Ebmer, 1982: 202; 1988a: 350; Fan, 1991: 479 (key); Dawut & Tadauchi, 2002: 129, Pls. 30-32.

Taxonomic note. The individual, on the basis of which Blüthgen (1929: 77) described the male of *S. mongolica*, has been rather exposed to potassium cyanide for a long time. As a result of this influence, the yellow pattern on the clypeus and legs was changed to reddish; the mesosoma partly and metasoma entirely became reddish brown. In normal individuals, the clypeus possesses a yellow band along the posterior margin, the mesosoma entirely and most of the metasoma are metallic green.

Published records. Morawitz (1880: 366): MON-GOLIA (no locality [Govialtay: "Adzh Bogdo Ridge" = Aj-Bogd-uul]). Blüthgen (1929: 77): CHINA: Qinghai: southern shore of Kuku-nor. Ebmer (1982: 202): MON-GOLIA: Hovd: Bulgan-gol, Jarantaj, Conocharajchgol, Chaar-nuur, Chojidalaj-nuur; Bayan-Hongor: Ich-Bogd. Dawut & Tadauchi (2002: 134): MONGOLIA: Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd. Ebmer (2005: 361): RUSSIA: Buryatia: Ust-Kyakhta; MONGOLIA: Hovd: Bulgangol, Jaranta, Chord-gol, Ulaan-uul; Uvs: 30 km S Ulaangom, Charchiraa, Chan chou goor-Somon, 100 km SW Dalanzadgad; Bayan-Hongor: 130 km S Bayanhongor, 95 km S Bayanhongor, 75 km S Bayanhongor, 2 km S Bayanhongor, 16 km NW Bayanhongor; Övör-Hangay: 159 km SW Arvaykheer, 137 km NE Arvaykheer, 143 km NE Arvaykheer.

Material examined (15, 50). RUSSIA: Buryatia: Kyakhta. MONGOLIA: Govialtay: Aj-bogd-uul (lectotype and 4 paralectotypes), Shargyn Govi (25 km NE Bayan), 20 km SW Sharga, 15 km WNW Dzahuy; Hovd: 25 km N Bulgan, 25 km SSW Yench, 50 km SSW Yench, 30 km N Ich-navhiin-nur, 12 km SW Altay, 20 km SE Altay; Ömnögovi: 40 km ESE Han-bogd, 30 km E Dun-gol, Dzemgin Govi (25 km SW Hailastyn-huduk, 85 km W Tarvagai, 40 km S Noön-Somon; Hentiy: 10 km SSW Buyant; Hövsgöl: Ehin-gol; Övör-Hangay: eastern shore of Tatsyn-tsagan-nur; Sühbaatar: 20 km E Barun-urt, 7 km W Hongor; Bayan-Hongor: Tuin-gol near Bogd-ula Somon, 25 km SW Shara-hulsny-bulak; Dornodgovi: Dolotyn-huduk, 10 km E Dzun-bayan, Tushilge Mt., 10 km SSW Sain-shand, 50 km SSW Nudegiin-hural, Nomt-ula (30 km SSE Shohoi-nur), 20 km N Dalan-Jargakan; 5 km W Tenger-nur, 23 km WSW Bayan-munh, 55 km SE Hara-airag; Dornod: 10 km W Buhyn-hashatyn-huduk. CHINA: Qinghai: southern shore of Kuku-nor.

Distribution. Russia (Buryatia), Mongolia, and China (Xinjiang, Qinghai).

18. Seladonia (Seladonia) mugodjarica (Blüthgen, 1933)

Halictus mugodjaricus Blüthgen, 1933a: 74. . Holotype: , KAZAKHSTAN: Ber Chogur in Mugodzhary Mts. [Aktyube Province]; MNB; examined.

Halictus (Seladonia) exquisitus Warncke, 1975: 105, 120. . Holotype: , TURKEY: Tuz Gölü; OLML. Synonymy by Ebmer (1988a: 350).

Taxonomy. Ebmer, 1988a: 350.

Published records. Ebmer (2005: 361): MONGO-LIA: Ömnögovi: 159 km SW Arvaykhar.

Distribution. Asia Minor, central and eastern Kazakhstan, southern Mongolia (Ömnögovi).

19. Seladonia (Seladonia) nikolskayae Pesenko, sp. n.

Holotype: , RUSSIA, Primorskii Territory, Kedrovaya Pad, 26.VII.1961, leg. M.N. Nikolskaya [label in Russian]; ZISP.

Diagnosis. In the shape, sculpture and coloration of the head and mesosoma, the new species is very similar to such members of the subgenus Pachyceble as S. gavarnica and S. transbaikalensis. Only the short antenna and flat S6 are indicators of the true membership of the species. In the shape of the head, S. nikolskayae occupies an isolated position in the subgenus Seladonia. In the general structure of the gonostyli, S. nikolskayae is close to the Western Palearctic S. subaurata (Rossi), Northern Chinese S. pjalmensis (Strand) (see below) and Oriental S. propinqua (Smith), slightly differing from them in the shape of the medial lobe of the upper gonostylus, that of S. nikolskayae is somewhat widened in the distal half.

Male. Structure. Body length 6.5 mm. Head 1.12 times as high as wide (Fig. 32), egg-shaped in front view. Clypeus 1.2 times as wide (estimated as distance between anterior tentorial pits) as high; entirely placed below eyes. Genal area / eye width ratio about 1.5 in lateral view to head. Malar space linear. Antenna very short, reaching only scutellum. 2nd-5th flagellomeres about 1.1 times as long as their diameters (Fig. 39). Mesoscutum straight at anterior margin. Metapostnotum triangular, about as long as scutellum (Fig. 47), separated

from punctate upper parts of lateral surfaces of propodeum by wide polished stripe. Hind tarsus relatively robust (Fig. 49). Metasoma elongate elliptical. Posterior areas of terga narrow, slightly depressed along all their width. Discs of terga weakly convex. Medial lobe of upper gonostylus nearly as long as main body of gonostylus, relatively narrow, slightly widened in diastal half, narrowly rounded at apex, slightly curved, provided with several long hairs in both sides of distal half (Fig. 77). Lower gonostylus somewhat shorter than upper gonostylus, relatively narrow, arc-wise in lateral view (Fig. 78).

Sculpture. Clypeus uniformly punctate (30-35 $\mu m / 0.3\text{-}0.8$), polished on interspaces. Frons, paraocular areas and vertex very densely punctate, mat. Genal areas obscurely roughened, with obscure and relatively dense punctation, weakly shiny. Mesoscutum uniformly densely punctate (15-20 $\mu m / 0.2\text{-}0.4$), shiny on interspaces. Mesopleura densely granulate, mat. Metapostnotum rather granulate, mat, with weak sparse short undulating wrinkles. Lateral and posterior vertical surfaces of propodeum smooth along posterior margin of metapostnotum; rest of these surfaces mat, roughened and densely punctate. T1 on most of surface distinctly and sparsely punctate (15 $\mu m / 0.3\text{-}1.5$, sometimes 2.0), polished on interspaces; subsequent terga somewhat more finely and obscurely punctate.

Coloration. Body dark metallic blue-green. Clypeus on lower third and labrum yellow; mandibles entirely dark. Scape and pedicel of antenna dark brown; flagellum ochre on lower side, dark brown on upper side. Tegula brownish infuscate. Coxae, trochanters, femora and large spots on middle and hind tibiae black; rest of legs yellow.

Pubescence. Face, genal area and sides of mesosoma covered with whitish erect plumose hairs. Vertex and dorsal surface of mesosoma (except for bare metapostnotum) pubescent with brownish erect hairs. Metasomal terga with weakly developed (narrow, sparse and widely interrupted in middle) posterior bands and without anterior bands.

Female unknown.

Etymology. This species is named for the late Maria N. Nikolskaya (ZISP), a collector of the holotype, a scholar of authority in Chalcidoidea.

20. *Seladonia (Seladonia) pjalmensis* (Strand, 1909)

Distribution. S. pjalmensis (Strand, 1909) occurs in southwestern Mongolia and northwestern China. It is

considered to be consisting of two subspecies, each of which is known only from the types examined by me. S. pjalmensis pjalmensis (= Halictus subauratovestitus Blüthgen, 1929) was described from two localities ("Pjalma" = Hotan and "Kaschgar" = Kashi) in Xinjiang; S. pjalmensis gaschunica (see below), from "Oase Satschou" [at present, Dunhuang = Minghoshan] in Gansu. The later differs from the nominotypical subspecies in the following characters. In female, head somewhat shorter, metapostnotum with wide smooth stripe along posterior margin, antenna and tibiae paler, T1 and T2 entirely covered with tomentum; in male, flagellum on lower side and tibiae paler, mesoscutum more finely punctate.

20a. *Seladonia (Seladonia) pjalmensis gaschunica* (Blüthgen, 1935)

Halictus pjalmensis gaschunicus Blüthgen, 1935: 111.

Lectotype: , CHINA: "Oase Satschou" [at present Dunhuang = Minghoshan], Gashun Gobi, [Gansu Province], 1-3.viii.1895, [leg.] Rob[orowski & Kozlov"; specimen provided with gold circle, red printed label "P-Type" and label "Hal. subauratovestitus" by Blüthgen's hand; designated here; ZISP. In ZISP, there are also paralectotypes: 1 , label as in lectotype; 1 , same locality, 28.vii.1895. The diagnosis of the subspecies is given above in the key to species.

Taxonomic note. This female designated here as the lectotype was indicated as a paratype of *H. subauratovestitus* by Blüthgen (1929: 80); but later this author (Blüthgen, 1935a: 111) has included it in the type series of *Halictus pjalmensis gaschunicus* Blüthgen, 1935.

Taxonomy. Ebmer, 1988a: 345; Dawut & Tadauchi, 2003: 100, Pls. 46, 47.

Published records. Blüthgen (1935a: 111): CHINA: Gansu: "Oase Satschou" (Min-ghoshan).

Material examined (♂,). MONGOLIA (first record): Govialtay: Shargyn Govi (25 km NE Bayan), 23.VIII.1967, V.F. Zaitsev, 6 ♂; ZISP. CHINA: Gansu: Minghoshan (lectotype and 2 paralectotypes).

Distribution. Southwestern Mongolia (Govialtay), northern China (Gansu).

21. *Seladonia (Seladonia) semitecta* (Morawitz, 1874)

Halictus semitectus Morawitz, 1874: 172. Lectotype: , RUSSIA: "Derbent" [Daghestan]; specimen provided with gold circle and the label "semitectus. Mor.

Typ." by Morawitz's hand; **designated here**; in St. Petersburg. References to diagnoses are given in Section "Taxonomy" below. In ZISP, there are also paralectotypes from Derbent: 2 and 2.

Taxonomy. Blüthgen, 1920: 104 (key), 130 (key); 1924: 536 (key); 1930a: 748 (key), 765 (key); Ebmer, 1969: 153 (key), 155 (key), 170; 1988a: 332 (key), 336 (key), 350, Figs. 38, 42, 63, 64, 68; Pesenko et al., 2000: 170 (key), 175, Fig. 253; Dawut & Tadauchi, 2002: 127, Pls. 28, 29.

Published records. Blüthgen (1934a: 3): CHINA: Gansu: vicinity of Minsiang. Ebmer (1982: 202): MONGOLIA: Uvs: Charchiraa, 30 km S Ulaabgom; Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd. Dawut & Tadauchi (2002: 128): MONGOLIA: Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd; Uvs: 30 km S Ulaangom. Ebmer (2005: 362): MONGOLIA: Uvs: Charchiraa.

Material examined (109, 70). RUSSIA: Buryatia (first record): Kyakhta; Chita Province (first record): 20 km NE Solov'evsk, 25 km N Solov'evsk, Karymskaya, Urulyungui, Zabaikalsk; Khabarovsk Territory (first record): Khabarovsk, Sikhote-Alin Mts.; Primorskii territory (first record): Novokachalinsk; Samarka; Spassk. MONGOLIA: Ubs: 10 km SE Muren, 20 km N Ulga; 15 km SSE Taralyan; Bayan-Hongor: northern clope of Ich-Bogd-ula; Hovd: 15 km SW Hovd, 12 km SW Altay; Dzavhan: 10 km WNW Erdene-hayran, eastern corner of Telmen-nur; Hövsgöl: 30 km NW Tsetserleg-Somon; Selenge: 25 km E Darhan; Töv: 30 km N Erdene-huduk, northern slope of Bogdo-ula near Ulanbaatar, 125 km SW Ulanbaatar, Songino, 25 km SSE Bayan, Kerulen; Dundgovi: 25 km WSW Mandal-govi, 20 km W Lus-Somon; Ömnögovi: 9 km SSW Tsigt-obo, 40 km S Bulgan; Hentiy: 45 km E Bayan-obo, 15 km N Buyant, 10 km SSW Buyant, 12 km N Gulshir, 8 km S Norovlin; Dornodgovi: 30 km SSE Shohoi-nur, 20 km N Dalanjargalan, 60 km NW Choir, 45 km SE Bayan-muht; Dornod: Tamsag-bulak, 30 km W Tamsag-bulak, 65 km SE Tamsag-bulak, 30 km ENE Tsagan-ula, 20 km WNW Sangin-dalai-nur, 32 km SE Salhit Mt., 50 km WSW Salhit Mt., 75 km WSW Salhit Mt., eastern corner of Buinnur, 33 km SE Halhgol-Somon; 12 km SW Halhgol-Somon, Bayan-dun, Cholbai-sai, 10 km NE Gurvan-dzagal, 60 km ENE Bayan-burd, 10 km NE Havirga, 30 km NNE Havirga, 7 km S Erentsav, 15 km SW Ich-chulut-ula, 45 km SSW Ich-chulut-ula, Matad, 18 km NE Dash-balbar, 13 km W Dash-balbar, Dzavsar-bulak; Sühbaatar: 30 km WNW Dariganga, 20 km NE Dariganga, 20 km E Barunurt, 80 km NNE Barun-urt, 22 km WNW Bayan-delger, 25 km NW Bayan-delger, Dzotol-han-ula. CHINA: Neimenggu (first record): «Syelchi River, Major Hingan Mts., 27.VIII.1899, leg. Soldatov», 1; «Luhyn-Sume Road, 26.VI.1899, leg. Soldatov», 1; ZISP.

Distribution. Steppes and forest-steppe of Eurasia from southeastern Germany as far in the east as eastern Mongolia and Primorskii Territory of Russia. Europe: southeastern Germany, Austria, Lithuania, Hungary, Ukraine, south of European Russia, southern Urals; Asia: Russia (Buryatia, Chita Province, Khabarovsk and Primorskii Territories), Mongolia, China (Xinjiang, Gansu, Neimenggu). The record of the species from Turkey by Strand (1909: 15) belongs to *S. smaragdula* (see Warncke, 1975: 105).

22. *Seladonia (Vestitohalictus) gobiensis* (Ebmer, 1982), **status n.**

Halictus (Vestitohalictus) pseudovestitus gobiensis Ebmer, 1982: 206, Figs. 8, 9. . Holotype: , CHINA: "Oase Satcshou, Gashun Gobi" [at present, Dunhuang = Min-ghoshan; Gansu]; MNB; examined.

Taxonomic note. Here I accept the opinion of P. Blüthgen, who (judging from his determination labels) intent to describe "Halictus gobiensis" as a separate species (but he did not publish its description). Ebmer's consideration of this taxon a subspecies of Halictus pseudovestitus contradicts the data on both the morphology and distribution. In the female, S. gobiensis is much more similar to S. pulverea than to S. pseudovestita (see the key above). In the male, S. gobiensis distinctly differs from S. pseudovestita in the body size and also in the coloration and pubescence. The collection localities of S. pseudovestita in Mongolia indicated by Ebmer (1982: 206; in Bayan-Hongor; see below) are situated much more close to the type locality of S. gobiensis (Minghoshan in Chinese Gansu) than the type locality of S. pseudovestita (Beijing).

I would like also notice that the difference in the structure of the male genitalia between *S. gobiensis* and *S. pulverea* given by Ebmer (1988b: Figs. 9 and 10 on p. 574 and text on p. 576) is wrong on the following reasons. On Fig. 9 by Ebmer, the medial lobe of the gonostylus in the lectotype of *S. pulverea* is situated in the middle of the main body of the gonostylus, crossing the latter and as if dividing it half. First, such a shifted position of the medial lobe is strongly overstated on Fig. 9; in fact, the lobe in the lectotype is situated much more close to medial margin of the main body of the gonostylus. Second, this position of the medial lobe is artifact, appearing as a result of preparation. This was estab-

lished by me studying the genitalia in a number of males from Mongolia. Hense, all the three Eastern Palaearctic species of the subgenus *Vestitohalictus*, *S. gobiensis*, *S. pseudovestita*, and *S. pulverea*, are not distinguished in the structure of the male genitalia.

Published records. Ebmer (1982: 206): CHINA: Gansu: "Oase Satcshou" (Minghoshan), Shigusa.

Material examined (18 , 10). MONGOLIA (**first record**): Bayan-Hongor, Echin-gol, 50 km NNE Taganbogd Mt., 13 , 4 ; ZISP. CHINA: Gansu: Minghoshan, Shigusa (including holotype and 4 paratypes in MNB and 6 specimens provided with "paratype" labels by P. Blüthgen in ZISP).

Distribution. Southern Mongolia (Bayan-Hongor), northwestern and northern China (Xinjiang, Gansu).

23. *Seladonia (Vestitohalictus) pseudovestita* (Blüthgen, 1925)

Halictus pseudovestitus Blüthgen, 1925: 126. . Holotype: , CHINA: "Peking" [Beijing]; MNB; examined.

Taxonomy. Ebmer, 1978a: 190; 1982: 206(), Fan, 1991: 479 (key), 480 (key).

Published records. Blüthgen (1925: 126): CHINA: Beijing. Ebmer (1978a: 190): CHINA: Heilongjiang: Harbin. Ebmer (1982: 206): MONGOLIA: Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd.

Material examined (7 ,7). MONGOLIA: Govialtay: 10 km NW Hatan-hayran Mt.; Bayan-Hongor: Shara-hulsny-bulak; 30 km NNE Shara-hulsny-bulak; Ömnögovi: 20 km WSW Une-huduk, 40 km ESE Hanbogd), Dornodgovi: 30 km SSE Shohoi-nur), Dornod: Tamsag-bulak.

Distribution. Southern and eastern Mongolia (Govialtay, Bayan-Hongor, Ömnögovi, Dornodgovi, Dornod), northeastern China (Heilongjiang, Beijing).

24. *Seladonia (Vestitohalictus) pulverea* (Morawitz, 1874)

Halictus pulvereus Morawitz, 1874: 168. Lectotype: , RUSSIA: Derbent (Daghestan); designated by Ebmer (1988b: 576); ZISP; examined.

Halictus sogdianus Morawitz, 1876: 216 (key), 227. Lectotype: , UZBEKISTAN: Samarkand; designated by Blüthgen (1934b: 303); ZMMU; examined. Synonymy by Ebmer (1988b: 576).

Nomioides aenescens Radoszkowski, 1893: 57. Syntypes: 4 , TURKMENISTAN: Askhabat; MNB and

IZK; examined. Synonymy (= *H. sogdianus*) by Blü thgen (1934b: 303).

Taxonomy (selected references). Ebmer, 1988b: 576, Figs. 8, 9; 2005: 368.

Published records. Morawitz (1890: 369): CHINA: Gansu: "südliche Mongolei: Zagan-Burjuk". Ebmer (1982: 205): MONGOLIA: Hovd: Bulgan-gol; Bayan-Hongor: Ich-bogd. Ebmer (2005: 368): MONGOLIA: Hovd: Ulaan-uul, Bulgan-Somon, Hovd, Jarataj; Bayan-Hongor: 130 km S Bayanhongor.

Material examined (3 , 5). MONGOLIA: Hovd: 15 km E Mergen-uul, Nariin-bulak, Ich-navtgiin-nur, 25 km SSW Yench, 25 km N Bulgan; Ömnögovi: 20 km WSW Une-huduk, 6 km Han-bogd.

Distribution. Daghestan, Cyprus, Asia Minor, Near East, Middle Asia, Iran, Afghanistan, western Mongolia (Hovd, Bayan-Hongor, Ömnögovi), northern China (Gansu).

Discussion: distributional patterns

The Eastern Palaearctic fauna of the genus *Seladonia* is relatively rich. It consists of 24 species, nearly a fourth of the world fauna of the genus. The genus *Seladonia* is represented in the Eastern Palaearctic Region by diverse zoogeographical (chorological) elements, with species having very different geographical ranges. Seven species are widespread: Holarctic polyzonal *S. confusa*; transpalaearctic polyzonal *S. gavarnica*, *S.*

Table 1. Occurence of Seladonia species in Eastern Palaearctic Region

| Species | Eastern Siberia | Russian Far East | Mon- golia | Northern China | Eastern China | Korean Peninsula | Japan |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------|
| S. aeraria | | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| S. argilos | | | + | + | | | |
| S. confusa | + | + | + | | + | | |
| S. dorni | | | + | | | | |
| S. gavarnica | | + | + | | | | |
| S. gobiensis | | | + | + | | | |
| S. indefinita | | | + | | | | |
| S. leleji | | + | | | | | |
| S. leucahenea | + | + | + | + | + | | |
| S. lucidipennis | | | + | + | | | |
| S. mondaensis | + | + | + | | | | |
| S. mongolica | + | | + | + | | | |
| S. mugodjarica | | | + | | | | |
| S. nikolskayae | | + | | | | | |
| S. opacoviridis | | | | + | + | | |
| S. petraea | | | + | | | | |
| S. pjalmensis | | | + | + | | | |
| S. placidula | | | + | | | | |
| S. pollinosa | | | + | + | | | |
| S. pseudovestita | | | + | | + | | |
| S. pulverea | | | + | + | | | |
| S. semitecta | + | + | + | + | | | |
| S. transbaikalensis | + | | + | | | | |
| S. tumulorum | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Total | 7 | 9 | 21 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 2 |

leucahenea and S. tumulorum; transpalaearctic, mostly steppe S. semitecta; nearly transpalaearctic, desert and steppe S. pollinosa; Southern Palaearctic and Oriental S. lucidipennis: and Eastern Palaearctic and Northern Oriental S. aeraria. Four species are Western Palaearctic, only penetrating to the west of the Eastern Palaearctic Region: S. indefinita, S. mugodjarica, S. pulverea, S. petraea and S. placidula. S. mondaensis is an inhabitant of the "Strongly Continental Sector" of Eastern Asia, including Buryatia, Tuva, Yakutia, the Magadan Province of Russia, and central Mongolia. However, a third of the Eastern Palaearctic fauna of the genus Seladonia (eight species) is represented by species endemic to the Gobi Desert Subregion, in the wider understanding of this term, or to part of this subregion: S. argilos, S. dorni, S. gobiensis, S. mongolica, S. opacoviridis, S. pjalmensis, S. pseudovestita and S. transbaikalensis. Newly described in the present paper, S. leleji and S. nikolskayae can be considered conditional endemics to the south of the Eastern Palaearctic Region (the Primorskii Territory of Russia).

Of course, the amount of data on the distribution of *Seladonia* species in the region under study is scanty. Nine species of *Seladonia* found in the Eastern Palaearctic Region are known only from the types, *S. leleji, S. nikolskayae*, and *S. opacoviridis*, or mainly from the types *S. argilos, S. dorni, S. gobiensis, S. mugodjarica, S. petraea* and *S. pjalmensis*. One would expect the actual occurrence of these many species to be much wider than that indicated by the current knowledge of the group. The occurrence of *Seladonia* species in different countries and parts of the Eastern Palaearctic Region as shown by available data is given in the Table below. The fauna of Mongolia includes the most number of species (20), whilst the faunas of the Korean Peninsula and Japan are the poorest (each with two species).

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